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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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Mr. President,

Nepal welcomes Vietnam’s delegation to the 3rd UPR and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We commend the measures taken by Vietnam by heralding a major reform of incorporating human rights in its legal system through amendment of laws in line with the new constitution of 2013.

My delegation further applauds the initiatives and exemplary actions taken for reduction of poverty, guarantee of food security, improvement in nutrition, promotion of sustainable agriculture and provision of healthcare for the people.

Nepal further encourages Vietnam’s effort towards attainment gender equality and rights of the workers.

Nepal recommends Vietnam the following:

1. Continue taking strong measures to combat human trafficking, with special focus on protecting and promoting rights of vulnerable women and children.
2. Continue accelerating access to quality education, especially in view for people from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds.

My delegation wishes Vietnam a successful UPR.

Thank you.