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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Fiji**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Fiji *headed by Honourable Chief Justice Mr. Kamal Kumar.*

We appreciate the constructive engagement of Fiji in the UPR process.

We applaud Fiji’s stepping up on treaty ratifications and completing all nine core international human rights instruments. The engagement of Fiji with Special Procedures is also praiseworthy.

We note that Fiji has been implementing National Development Plans placing priority on responding to climate change and building climate resilient infrastructure in the country.

It is encouraging to see Fiji as a strong voice for the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.

We wish to make the following recommendations for their consideration:

1. Continue efforts to strengthen social protection systems for children and families to cope with disaster.
2. Strengthen effective implementation of anti-discrimination legislation to protect and promote the rights of marginalized and vulnerable groups.

Thank you.