**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Islamic Republic of Iran to the 3rd cycle of UPR.

Nepal appreciates Iran’s constructive engagement in this process. Nepal also appreciates Iran’s interaction and cooperation with the UN bodies.

We note the adoption of various national laws and establishment of new mechanisms as important initiatives for the promotion and protection of human rights in Iran.

Nepal welcomes the improvement in the presence of women in decision-making positions and political participation. Nepal is also encouraged by the improvement in women’s access to sports and sports facilities in Iran.

Nepal recommends Iran the following for consideration:

1. Accelerate measures to establish a National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.
2. Continue to support and empower women in public life.

Nepal wishes Iran a successful review.

Thank you.