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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Italy**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Italy, *headed by H.E. Mr. Manlio Di Stefano, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, to the 3rd cycle of UPR.*

We thank them for the presentation of comprehensive report on the progress made since the last review.

Increase in the representation of women in Parliament as well as in boards of publicly-listed companies is noteworthy.

Italy’s reaffirmation to achieve the target of 0.7 percent GNI for ODA to developing and least developed countries is commendable.

We welcome the measures adopted by Italy to address issues of equality and non-discrimination and promote full integration of all citizens, including the persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups into society.

We recommend the following for their consideration:

1. Continue to enhance law enforcement measures to combat trafficking in persons and protect the rights of victims of trafficking.
2. Step up the process to establish national human rights institution (NHRI) in accordance with the Paris principles.

We wish Italy a successful UPR.

Thank you.