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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and commends the presentation of its comprehensive national report.

We appreciate efforts of Bosnia and Herzegovina for its work upon the recommendations of last UPR cycle.

Nepal commends Bosnia and Herzegovina for ensuring the Institution of Human Rights Ombudsman in the status of "A" accreditation.

We welcome its steps towards justice reform, protection and promotion of rights of women, children and vulnerable groups.

We note with appreciation the measures taken for ensuring non-discrimination including the adoption of the new strategy to advance the position of persons with disabilities.

While wishing Bosnia and Herzegovina a successful UPR, my delegation makes following recommendations for its consideration:

1. Continue to take measures for equal access to education adhering to principle of inclusiveness with provision for free and compulsory school education to children.
2. Strengthen efforts to protect and promote rights of minorities and other vulnerable groups by increasing access to health and other services.

Thank you.