**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Guinea Bissau**

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Madam President,

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Guinea Bissau to the 3rd cycle of UPR.

We appreciate Guinea Bissau’s constructive engagement in this process.

Nepal welcomes the adoption of national policy and action plan on gender equality and equity.

We commend the efforts of Guinea Bissau to increase the participation of women in political life.

Nepal further appreciates the inclusion of women in the security services of Guinea Bissau.

Nepal also notes with appreciation that Guinea Bissau has established a National Strategic Plan on Reproductive Health and National Reproductive Health Programme to increase the accessibility of quality health services, including reproductive health services to reduce maternal, newborn and child mortality rates.

Madam President,

Nepal recommends Guinea Bissau the following for their consideration:

1. Continue to take measures to strengthen the functioning of the national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.
2. Strengthen implementation of measures to prevent and combat the practices harmful to women including female genital mutilation.

Nepal wishes Guinea Bissau a successful review.

Thank you.