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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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Madam President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Sweden to the third cycle of UPR.

We appreciate Sweden’s contribution for the respect for human rights worldwide.

Nepal welcomes Sweden’s commitment to implementing the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

Sweden’s delivery on the promises of official development assistance is exemplary.

We take encouraging note of the policies adopted by Sweden for ensuring gender equality and preventing violence against women.

While wishing Sweden a successful review, we recommend the following:

1. Consider establishing an independent National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.
2. Continue implementing policies to ensure access of indigenous people, minorities and other vulnerable groups in education, employment, healthcare, housing and justice.

I thank you.