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Adoption of the Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review of Nepal

(07 June 2011)

Statement by India

Mr. President,

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Nepal at the 17th session of the Human Rights Council for the adoption of the report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review of Nepal held on 25 January 2011. We thank the delegation for providing a detailed response to recommendations as an addendum to the report, in addition to the response provided by the delegation at the time of the adoption of the report in the Working Group itself.

Mr. President,

We take positive note of the receptive, candid, co-operative and constructive manner in which Nepal has chosen to approach and participate in the UPR mechanism. The review reflected the intense participation and engagement by peer countries, with as many as 55 interventions delivered from the floor and the high number of recommendations made. It is encouraging to note that Nepal accepted 56 of those recommendations, along with 28 recommendations that have already been implemented or are in the process of implementation, at the time of adoption of the report in the Working Group. Of the remaining 36 recommendations, we take positive note that Nepal has accepted a majority of them, while providing detailed responses to each.

Mr. President,

India believes that Nepal has gained much from its earnest participation in the review and trusts that it will further intensify its efforts to implement the recommendations accepted by it in the coming years. We warmly congratulate Nepal for its successful and rewarding review, reiterate our commitment to support Nepal's laudable efforts to consolidate its peace process, and wish it well in its future endeavours.

Thank you, Mr. President.
