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Mr. President,

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Nepal led by _____ . We thank the delegation for its presentation and the detailed national report which provides an informative overview of the normative and institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights in Nepal.

Mr. President,

2. As stated in its national report, Nepal is undergoing a profound socio-economic and political transformation following the conclusion of a decade-long armed conflict. In this context, it is commendable that, as the country prepares its new Constitution, human rights remain at the centre of the peace process and priority is being accorded to poverty alleviation, with an emphasis on inclusive development and social justice. In particular, we take positive note of the progress made by Nepal towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals relating to education and health. We also take positive note of the country's efforts to further gender mainstreaming and women's rights, its establishment of a national committee to implement the provisions of Convention on the Elimination

of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, and the striking down of 65 legal provisions discriminatory to women.

Mr. President,

3. We appreciate the national report's candid acknowledgement of the remaining challenges, such as those relating to impunity, discrimination, justice administration and rehabilitation of Maoist combatants, women, children and families of those affected by armed conflict, which are also among the concerns separately mentioned by various UN treaty bodies. At the same time, we are mindful of the several constraints that impinge on Nepal's efforts to meet these challenges; for instance, resource and capability constraints, the need to maintain social stability, and the pressures of poverty and environmental degradation.

Mr. President,

4. Lastly, we would recommend that Nepal strengthen the National Human Rights Commission to enable it to maintain its A-status accreditation. As a close and friendly neighbour with deep, intricate and historical ties, India remains committed to supporting Nepal's laudable efforts to consolidate its peace process, including through capacity-building.

Thank you, Mr President.
