

Press Release

Honorable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms. Sujata Koirala, led the Nepalese delegation during the review of Nepal at the 10th Session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group under the Human Rights Council of the United Nations in Geneva today. Introducing the national report of Nepal at the Human Rights Council, Honorable Koirala highlighted the current developments in Nepal as well as concrete steps undertaken by the Government of Nepal towards protecting and promoting human rights of Nepalese people as per its national and international obligations and commitments.

Delegates from 55 countries actively took part in the interactive dialogue with the Nepalese delegation following her statement. Dr. Trilochan Upreti, Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Dr. Sudha Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Population and H. E. Dr. Dinesh Bhattarai, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations in Geneva, responded to the queries and issues raised during the dialogue. Other members of the Delegation Mr. Durga Prasad Bhattarai, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kedar Paudel, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Mr. Shiva Bahadur Rayamajhi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Local Development, Mr. Khaga Raj Baral, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education, Mr. Sadhu Ram Sapkota, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction, Mr. Dilli Raj Ghimire, Joint Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Mr. Bhriugu Dhungana, Counsellor/Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the UN, Geneva, Mr. Hari Prasad Odari, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the UN, Geneva, and Mr. Jhaindra Prasad Guragain, Section Officer, Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, were also present during the review.

While delivering her statement following the review, Honorable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms. Sujata Koirala thanked the delegates for their active and constructive participation in Nepal's UPR and expressed hope to work together.

The report on Nepal is scheduled to be adopted on 27 January.

The full texts of the opening statement and closing remarks made by the Honorable Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs are attached herewith for publicity.

**Permanent Mission of Nepal
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