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Thank you, Mr. President

This is a joint statement of Congregation of our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd along with Good Shepherd International Foundation Nepal, Opportunity Village Nepal, IIMA and VIDES.

We welcome the Government of Nepal's acceptance of 12¹ out of the 13 recommendations related to the prevention of and effective response to human trafficking. We urge the Government of Nepal to effectively implement relevant UPR recommendations, by increasing the allocation of resources and enhancing cooperation with civil society organizations providing assistance to trafficking survivors

Our field experience and research indicate that unregulated adult entertainment sectors remain high-risk environments for internal and cross-border trafficking. Girls and young women are particularly exposed to become victims of trafficking and exploitation. We urge the Government

¹ 61.114 Continue measures to combat cross-border trafficking against women and girls (Georgia); 61.115 Continue to participate in cross-border cooperation to combat trafficking in persons and expand the network of safe shelters to assist victims of trafficking (Belarus); 61.116 Enhance efforts in the implementation of anti-trafficking laws and strengthen victim identification and protection mechanisms (Azerbaijan); 61.117 Redouble existing efforts to combat trafficking in persons, protect victims and enforce firm accountability for perpetrators (Oman); 61.118 Enhance efforts to prevent trafficking in persons and protect victims through the development of referral mechanisms, institutional coordination and capacity-building (Jordan); 61.119 Continue efforts to combat trafficking in persons, particularly in women and girls, through strengthening prevention mechanisms and victim protection in line with relevant international standards (Bahrain); 61.120 Make further efforts to combat trafficking in persons and protect victims (Japan); 61.121 Strengthen efforts to prevent trafficking and gender-based violence and protect all women and girls, through clear standards, multisectoral services, effective referral systems, and robust accountability mechanisms (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); 61.122 Ensure that victims of trafficking are fully recognized as victims and prohibit any sanctions or fines for failure to appear before a court, thereby preventing revictimization (Costa Rica); 61.123 Promote the enactment of the amended version of the Human Trafficking and Transportation (Control) Act (El Salvador); 61.124 Accelerate the adoption of the draft national policy against trafficking in persons and its action plan (Burkina Faso). Report of the UPR Working Group, UN Document A/HRC/62/9, 10 April 2026, and its Addendum, UN Document A/HRC/62/9/Add.1, 20 April 2026.

to strengthen the monitoring and regulation of these sectors through the concerned agencies and authorities.

We also appreciate Nepal's support for recommendation 61.280² to ensure the protection of migrant workers, particularly women, by expanding safe and regular migration channels, thus reducing their vulnerability to exploitation.

Concerning women migrant workers, we remain deeply concerned about the restrictions imposed by the government on women seeking domestic work in Gulf Cooperation Council countries, which encourage the use of dangerous routes and illegal practices, ultimately increasing their vulnerability to trafficking and exploitation. We recommend the Government of Nepal to lift the ban on women migrant workers travelling for domestic work in GCC countries and instead adopt strategies that ensure their protection.

In line with relevant UPR recommendations, we call upon Nepal to increase its efforts to ensure safe migration, including by adopting effective prevention and protection measures for women and girls at higher risk of trafficking.

Thank You.

² 61.280 Enhance protection of migrant workers, particularly women, by ensuring that measures intended to protect them do not increase their vulnerability to exploitation, and by expanding safe and regular migration channels (Nigeria). Report of the UPR Working Group, UN Document A/HRC/62/9, 10 April 2026, and its Addendum, UN Document A/HRC/62/9/Add.1, 20 April 2026.