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Agenda Item 3: Strengthening regional tax cooperation in Asia and the Pacific

Thank you,

Mr. Chairman,

Excelencies, Distinguished delegates, ladies and Gentlemen!

1. On behalf of my delegation, I would like to express my sincere thanks for providing me this opportunity to make the statement.
2. In Nepal, We have achieved about 7 percent average annual growth during last 14th plan period. Nepal made the disaggregation of National Account at provincial level that will help us to develop the more robust and realistic plan, policies and programs for economic development including tax cooperation and reforms.
3. In Nepal, The revenue mobilization for Fiscal year 2018/19 is estimated to be 860 billion Nepalese Rupees which is about 22% of GDP. The total public debt to GDP is about 30 percent. However, the entire balance of payment is supported by the remittance inflow.
4. The Government of Nepal has adopted the 15th Periodic Plan along with the 25 year Long Term Vision of Nepal which aims to lay out a transformational inclusive development pathway

and bring about structural changes in the economy with the double digit growth. The plan focus on economic development under a broad national vision of "Prosperous Nepal, Happy Nepali". The plan envisioned appropriate tax policies to achieve this national aspiration.

Mr. Chairman,

5. We have been initiating the number of initiatives for revenue sector reform. The Program for PAN for all i.e. permanent account number for all individuals and business firms has already been implemented in the country. Also, the Vehicle Consignment Tracking System (VCTS) has been came into operation.
6. Also, government has the policy to promoting the productive industries by creating investment friendly environment through scientific, predictable and transparent tax system.
7. Government is initiating the policies and program to broaden the tax base by bringing the economic activities under the tax net. Government is also enhancing the tax compliance by improving the tax administration, procedural simplification and use of ICT in the tax system.
8. We have been making reforms in value added tax system in the country. Similarly, we are updating the rates of the non-

tax revenue and making them cost effective and and transparent.

9. We have been conducting the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements with the different countries. Recently, we have accomplished such agreements with Bangladesh and plan to have such agreements with other countries. This will help us to strengthening the tax cooperation between the countries in the region.

**Mr. Chairman,**

10. Finally, It would be instrumental, if UNESCAP can make some country and sector specific research work and capacity development program on Strengthening tax cooperation in LDCs and LLDCs of the region and make recommendations for appropriate Strategies in this regards.

11. I thank you Mr. Chairman,