

Permanent Mission of Nepal

Thank you Madame Chair,

Digital technologies, including social media platforms have brought opportunities, but they have also engendered challenges by exacerbating the stigmatization and dehumanization of minorities as threats. Social media can be used to create a climate of intolerance and hostility. Platforms have a large form of intersection of multiple tensions. The expression of conflicts between different groups, within and across societies, requires a complex balancing act of protecting and promoting fundamental rights and principles, including freedom of expression and defense of human dignity.

Madame Chair,

States are obliged to the protection and promotion of human rights, including those for the minority groups. However, the de-territorialized character and dematerialized nature of Internet and digital technologies have raised the challenges for national legal regimes to be on par with the reality of the global scale Internet. Technology is a crosscutting issue. It requires international and multi-stakeholder cooperation, in order to benefit from opportunities and address challenges while taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities. There needs to be a cooperation, collaboration and coordination among all stakeholders to create a forum to build linkages to moderate user generated content, while balancing freedom of expression and defense of human dignity.

Thank you Madame Chair!