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Statement by Mr. Ghana Shyam Lamsal, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations at the First Committee on Agenda 98 (d): United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific

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I thank you, Mr Chairman, for giving me the floor to introduce a draft resolution under the agenda item 98 (d) entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific" contained in document A/C.1/70/L-53.

The sponsors of draft resolution are Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Micronesia (Federate State of), Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam and my own country Nepal. My delegation expresses sincere gratitude to all the sponsors and those delegations that will co-sponsor it.

Nepal believes that the Regional Centre can be utilized to facilitating dialogues and deliberations towards fostering understanding, cooperation, and confidence building in the field of peace and disarmament, in the region and beyond. Despite temporary relocation in Bangkok in the aftermath of earthquakes in Nepal in the month of April and May this year, the Centre has continued to promote dialogue and confidence-building by organizing conferences and seminars on thematic issues, undertaking projects for capacity building in the fields of disarmament, arms control and nonproliferation.

The Government of Nepal is ready to provide all possible support to make arrangement for the early resumption of the operations of the Regional Centre from Kathmandu.

Mr. Chairman,

As the host country of the Regional Centre, Nepal is committed to lend its full support for its enhanced and constructive role in our region by consolidating the 'Kathmandu Process' so that it can contribute to peace and disarmament in the region by building renewed sense of confidence and understanding.

The goals of peace, disarmament, and non-proliferation will not be achieved without effective programmes in this area in the regional level. The Regional Centre's programmes are conducted from resources generated from voluntary contribution, which is not sufficient to sustain its activities in the mandated areas. I would like to take this opportunity to

express Nepal's sincere appreciation to those Member States that have extended their continued support to the Regional Centre, including through the voluntary contributions for the program and activities of the Centre. We are confident that more Member States will lend their support to expand and enrich the Centre's activities in the course of promoting peace and stability in the region and beyond.

It is in this context that my delegation has the honor to introduce, on behalf of the sponsors, draft resolution L- 53 entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific" before this Committee, with technical updates on the Centre's work over the past one year.

My delegation is confident that the Committee will adopt the draft resolution by consensus.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.