

**Statement by Mr. Yagya Raj Poudyal, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations, at the Sixth committee under Agenda Item No. 178 :Observer Status for the International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries in the General Assembly**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman for giving me the floor.

Let me first thank the delegation of Mongolia for introducing the important resolution, “Observer Status for the International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries in the General Assembly”.

I wish to make the following three points:

First, Nepal supports the proposal to granting observer status for the Think Tank.

Second, as the first ever intergovernmental body of the LLDC group, the Think Tank has an important responsibility. The main purpose of this new organization is to contribute, through top-quality research and advocacy, towards improving the ability of landlocked developing countries to build capacity for benefiting from the international trade. So, Nepal believes that granting observer status will enable the Think Tank to perform its functions smoothly and effectively.

Finally, this new organization has created an enormous hope among the land-locked developing countries. Nepal as one of the members of the organizations as well as a co-sponsor of this resolution, also urges all member states to support the proposal.

I thank you.

