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**Intervention of Bangladesh on the UPR of The Netherlands**

My delegation welcomes the delegation of the Netherlands. We appreciate the Netherlands for its continued commitment for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental rights.

My delegation particularly appreciates the efforts of the Netherlands to harmonize its national legislation with the Convention on rights of child. We welcome the draft bill on the creation of a children's ombudsman. We also appreciate the government's efforts to promote the participation of immigrants in the labour market by putting in place general measures and by trying to remove the barriers.

Madam President, the government has adopted policy of integration for migrant population. While we understand the importance of integration of migrants into the society of a destination country, we also emphasize on the importance of ensuring the social and cultural rights of migrants equally.

Madam President, the national report on human rights situation in Netherlands candidly expresses that much remains to be done. {CEDAW remained concerned about the persistence of gender-role stereotypes, in particular about migrant women and men. CERD was concerned at the prevalence of discrimination.}

In this context , we recommend that the Netherlands:

1. protects the social and cultural rights of migrants while taking integration measures and policies aimed at migrants.
2. intensifies its efforts to eliminate discrimination against migrant, black, Muslim and other minority women, who still face multiple forms of discrimination.
3. intensifies its efforts to combat the dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority including racist speech by political parties through the Internet as well as other media,

Finally, madam president, we fully acknowledge the view of Netherlands expressed in the national report that one person's fundamental freedom – such as the right to freedom of expression – is limited where it encroaches on the freedoms of others. We have noted with interest that most statutory restrictions limiting the right to freedom of expression are laid down in the Criminal Code. We would like to hear from the delegation about instances where such code has been applied to restrict freedom of expression to uphold freedoms of others.

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