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Intervention by Bangladesh delegation on the UPR of United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

Thank you Madam President.

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and appreciates the comprehensive presentation of the national report. We fully subscribe to the view expressed by UK and Northern Ireland in their National report that there is no better safeguard of rights than the kind of open dialogue the UPR process offers. We welcome the government of UK for taking steps forward in implementing the recommendations accepted during its 1st cycle of Review. We also commend the ratification of CRPD.

We are particularly happy to note that the government of UK has recognized its long-standing commitment to meet the target of spending 0.7% of gross national income on overseas development assistance by 2013. We would like to know more on the plans set out to fulfill this commitment. We recommend, UK considers contributing to the objective of mainstreaming right to development in its ODA programmes and policies, which would be fundamental in the enjoyment of host of other human rights for many countries.

Madam President, the national report also acknowledges the areas where there is room for improvement.

According to the Compilation prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the HR Committee remained concerned about negative public attitudes towards Muslims and recommended that it ensure that the authors of acts of discrimination on the basis of religion are adequately deterred and sanctioned. The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants remained concerned about the use of detention in immigration control and recommended ensuring the protection of migrant children and to consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW) and ILO Convention No. 143.

Our question is what are the plans of UK with regard to these recommendations?

Finally, we recommend that UK raises awareness campaign about rights of migrants and against racial discrimination.
