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**Bangladesh intervention on the UPR of Gabon**

Merci Madam Presiddent. Ma délégation souhaite une chaleureuse bienvenue a la délégation du Gabon percidé par le ministre de la Justice Son.E. Madam Ida Retenu Assonouet.

My delegation fully appreciates the challenges faced by Gabon being a developing country. It is noteworthy that despite those challenges, the country has made serious stride in improving human rights protection through a variety of institutional, legal and administrative measures. In particular, the creation of the NHRI and actions for raising awareness are encouraging. We commend the government for the institutional and legal reforms and initiatives and programmes for raising awareness of women's rights and empowerment of women. We are also happy to note that legal provisions guarantee the rights of migrant workers and their family members.

My delegation have noticed some very positive advancement in the promotion and protection of human rights emanating from the actions taken by the government of Gabon. The net school enrolment rate is one of the highest in the region. According to UNESCO figures, the net school enrolment rate was estimated to have been 94.7 per cent in 2010, with almost full gender parity. Substantial progress has also been made in the area of gender equality, particularly with regard to women's access to health care, education and senior posts in the public administration or the private sector and in decision-making bodies.

Finally, my delegation would like to recommend that Gabon continues its national efforts, with the support and assistance of the international community, in the promotion and protection of human rights particularly in the realization of economic, social and cultural rights of the people of Gabon.

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