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**Bangladesh intervention on the UPR of Ghana**

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Ghana. We are happy to note that the report has been prepared through a broad based consultation with the stakeholders according to the guidelines adopted by the Human Rights Council. The report has provided for ample information to understand and appreciate the actions taken by the government of Ghana in its efforts to implement the recommendations it received during its first cycle of review.

My delegation is impressed by the efforts made by the government of Ghana to promote and protect the human rights of its people. We have noted that Ghana has ratified the major international human rights treaties in compliance with its international human rights obligation. In the health sector, we commend the government for the achieved reduction in HIV Prevalence which is worth mentioning. Ghana is among the five countries in the sub region where HIV prevalence has declined by more than 25%. In this regard, we **recommend** Ghana **firstly**, to continue, in assistance with Development Partners and civil society, its fight against the HIV and AIDS through advocacy, joint planning, monitoring and evaluation, for the eventual elimination of the disease and **secondly**, to continue its fight to promote and protect women's rights.

Madam President, as we appreciate and acknowledge the challenges faced by the country, we hope that the country will be able to achieve success in overcoming these challenges.

Thank you.

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