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Statement of Bangladesh delegation during the UPR of Burundi

My delegation welcomes Hon'ble Minister of Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender of Burundi and her delegation among us. We appreciate the presentation of the comprehensive presentation and subsequent remarks and responses.

Burundi is a least developing country, exposed to serious natural, social and economic vulnerabilities. Poverty remains a serious issue that hampers full enjoyment of all human rights. More over, the country is still struggling to recover from its history of the long drawn civil war. It is in this context, my delegation considers it a matter of satisfaction to note that the country is making considerable efforts in improving human rights situation in the country. The law for the creation of the National Independent Human Rights Commission is a welcome development. We also commend the establishment of a child and family department within the Ministry of National Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender.

Mr. Vice President, The reports of the Secretary general and several other Treaty Bodies and UN entities reveal that the country is unable to take action and fulfill its human rights obligations in almost all areas due to lack of resources, primarily financial. In order to overcome this challenge, the support of the UN and international community would be crucial. If we are sincere about the enjoyment of human rights of its citizens, we have extend this support to the government of Burundi in its endeavours.
Thank you.