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Intervention of Bangladesh on the UPR of France

Thank you Mr. President.

My delegation welcomes the delegation of France led by H.E. Francois Zimeray.

France is a country that has a remarkable history of upholding fundamental freedoms and human rights. We appreciate the country for providing for the venue where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted. It is therefore, common expectation that the country would not only reach higher grounds in the promotion and protection of human rights at national level but also would support others in their endeavors in promoting and protecting all human rights including right to development at the international level unconditionally. With its unique traditional and cultural history, it is also expected that France will uphold the family values as was echoed by its citizens recently.

Mr. President, several treaty monitoring bodies expressed concern over persistence of discriminatory practices and measures and stereotyping based on race, colour, religion, and origin or other status preventing inter alia access to education and employment. CRC expressed concern at persistent discrimination with respect to children residing in the Overseas Departments and Territories, asylum seeking and refugee children, and children of minority groups such as Roma, travellers and religious minorities.

In view of the above, my delegation recommends that , France

1. Reinforces its legislative framework and institutional mechanisms to combat all discriminatory practices and measures based on race, colour, religion, and origin or other status; and
2. Brings ODA up to the internationally committed 0.7% of GDP.