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**Statement by Mr. Rinchen Kuentsyl, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of  
the Kingdom of Bhutan on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Luxembourg led by ..... to this session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the detailed presentation of their National Report.

Bhutan appreciates the numerous measures carried out by the Government of Luxembourg, since its last UPR in 2008, to advance the human rights and fundamental freedoms of its citizens. In this regard, implementation of numerous activities, as detailed in their National Report, for the protection and promotion of human rights, especially the rights of the child, rights of disabled persons, gender equality and fight against human trafficking, are highly commendable.

Bhutan also applauds the many efforts undertaken by the Government of Luxembourg in fulfilling its human rights commitments. In this regard, ratification of international human rights instruments such as OP-CAT and CRPD are noteworthy. We welcome the Government approval of a national action plan for persons with disabilities in March this year, and the involvement of and participation by civil society and other stakeholders in this regard.

In conclusion, Bhutan would like to recommend that Luxembourg continue to further enhance its dialogue with civil societies and stakeholders to implement policies and measures for the promotion of the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities, who are socially vulnerable.

I thank you, Mr. President.