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Statement of Bangladesh delegation on the UPR of UAE

Thank you Mr. President,

My delegation would like to welcome H.E. Dr. Anwar Mohammad Gargash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and his delegation among us. We commend the national report reflecting the progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights as well as detailed information on the actions taken on the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of its UPR.

We appreciate the UAE government's sustained efforts to further consolidate the human rights situation in the country. The establishment of a set of interrelated national policies and strategies to promote and ensure the enjoyment of fundamental human rights and freedoms are welcome steps. In particular, we commend the formulation of a strategy and a plan of action to establish migrant workers' rights, provide for their protection and improve their working and living conditions.

Mr. President, we are informed that there have been some strategies and plan of action adopted also to safeguard and protect workers' rights and improve their working conditions. In this regard, we would like to know from the distinguished delegation what are the measures and actions taken to protect wages of workers.

Finally, Mr. President we would like to recommend to UAE to take further measures and initiatives to implement the Strategy for the Protection of Labours.

Thank you