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**16th Session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Bangladesh
Statement by Ambassador, Daw Penjo, Permanent Representative of
the Kingdom of Bhutan on 29 April 2013.**

Mr. President,

My delegation extends a warm welcome to H. E. Dr. Dipu Moni, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh and her delegation to this session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the Hon'ble Minister for her detailed presentation of their National Report.

Bhutan welcomes the national priority accorded by the government of Bangladesh to the promotion and protection of the human rights of its citizens. We note with appreciation the establishment of numerous domestic legislative framework and institutional mechanisms to enhance the protection of rights of the more vulnerable groups such as women, children, persons with disabilities and minorities.

Bhutan applauds the many efforts undertaken by Bangladesh to fulfil its human rights obligations. We would also like to commend Bangladesh for its positive and constructive approach in its engagement with the international human rights mechanisms.

In conclusion, Bhutan would like to submit the following recommendations:

- i) Continue its efforts to promote and protect human rights, in particular the economic, social and cultural rights of its citizens with the support and assistance of the international community.
- ii) Continue to take measures to fight against poverty.

I thank you, Mr. President.