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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh to the second cycle of the UPR. We extend our condolences to the government and people of Bangladesh for the loss of lives in the garment factory that collapsed last week.

We are pleased to learn that significant progress has been achieved particularly in poverty reduction. More than 15 million Bangladeshis have moved out of poverty since 1992. We encourage the government of Bangladesh to keep implementing policies in this area.

We note with satisfaction that Bangladesh has also made significant progress in the field of education. Bangladesh is currently running one of the largest primary education systems in the world with phenomenal results, among others, in enrolment rates and gender parity.

Following up the recommendation made by Brazil in the first cycle, we are pleased to note that Bangladesh is moving towards the adoption and implementation of its national Children Draft Act.

We also recognize the recent advancements to foster women empowerment and welcome the adoption of the Domestic Violence Act in 2010. In this sense, we recommend increased efforts to put this Act into practice through public policies.

Moreover, Brazil recommends the adoption and implementation of the draft Act on the protection of rights of persons with disabilities in line with the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Thank you