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Thank you Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam would like to thank the delegation of Bangladesh led by H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni, Minister of Foreign Affairs, for her presentation.

We thank Bangladesh for conducting broad and inclusive consultations involving all relevant stakeholders in the preparation of its national report for this second cycle.

Brunei Darussalam is encouraged by Bangladesh's commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights for its people. The adoption of a number of new policies since its previous UPR is testimony towards this purpose.

Brunei Darussalam appreciates Bangladesh's strong dedication in ensuring an adequate standard of living for its people, particularly in providing health care services for its citizens. We would recommend Bangladesh to continue strengthening its efforts in providing quality health facilities and services, particularly to address maternal and child mortality rates.

Brunei Darussalam notes the priority given by Bangladesh towards the education sector, and we welcome Bangladesh's achievement of the MDG-2 target of gender parity in primary and secondary school enrolments. Brunei Darussalam further welcomes Bangladesh's ongoing efforts in meeting the MDG target of halving population living under poverty and the progress it has made thus far towards achieving this cause.

Finally, Brunei Darussalam supports Bangladesh's pledges and commitment to continue strengthening its roles in protecting human rights at all levels.

Thank you.