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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni and the delegation of Bangladesh. We also commend the very thorough and informative national report and the extensive consultations that were conducted with the national civil society during the course of its preparation.

Bangladesh has a pluralistic and multicultural society that succeeded in developing a strong home-grown democratic tradition. The legislative and institutional measures that were adopted since the first cycle reflect the degree of commitment of the Government to further protect and promote human rights.

The progress achieved in the areas of rights of women and children, education, food security, judicial independence, eradicating impunity, transitional justice, and acceding to international instruments is noteworthy. We encourage the Government of Bangladesh to continue its active endeavors, including through international cooperation, to address the key persisting challenges, especially with regard to juvenile justice and poverty eradication.

Egypt is also conscious of the magnitude of the challenge associated with the impact of climate change. Thus we are interested to listen to the assessment of the delegation on the impact of climate change on the enjoyment of human rights on the national level.

In conclusion, we wish to present the following recommendations for the kind consideration of the Government of Bangladesh:

- 1- To continue its efforts in protecting and promoting the right to safe drinking water and sanitation nationally and globally.
- 2- Sustaining its efforts to provide protection and support of the family.
- 3- Maintaining its good example of restricting the application of death penalty to the most serious crimes and after ensuring the proper due process and judicial safeguards.

I thank you.
