

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

Allow me to express Indonesia's sincere feelings of solidarity and sympathy to the People and Government of Bangladesh on the recent collapse of the Rana Plaza. My delegation thanks the delegations of Bangladesh led by H.E Dr. Dipu Moni for the presentation of their second cycle UPR report, highlighting comprehensive update on progress and challenges in the implementation of the accepted recommendations, emanating from the first UPR report in 2009.

Mr. President,

Indonesia applauds Bangladesh for their robust normative and institutional reform since 2009. Bangladesh's Vision 2021 with its pro-people, pro-poor socio-economic development agenda is another valid example of the government's human rights aspirations to empower the Bangladeshi population.

My delegation appreciates numerous positive measures by the Government of Bangladesh to deal with cases affecting groups in need of special protection. **Indonesia recommends that Bangladesh continue and step up its efforts to address cases of violence against women, particularly by providing legal, medical, rehabilitation and counselling help to the victims.**

Indonesia notes various steps by the Government of Bangladesh to maintain its 'zero tolerance' policy towards violation of human rights by law enforcement agencies. **My delegation recommends Bangladesh to enhance its efforts in this regard including through the implementation of Police Reform Act with stringent code of conduct and the establishment of model police stations and victim support centres in key police stations, as well as punitive measures, including imprisonment, dismissal and removal from service for those who committing various offences and human rights violations.**

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation wishes the People and Government of Bangladesh all the best in their efforts to progress and address the remaining human rights challenges for the betterment of the Bangladeshi population.

I thank you.