

**Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Before the 16th Session of the Universal Periodic Review
On review of Bangladesh**

Geneva, 29 April 2013

Mr. President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran warmly welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh led by H.E DR Dipu Moni the Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs, and highly appreciates them for their presentation.

The well prepared and comprehensive national report of Bangladesh has clearly indicated the significant progress and developments in the promotion and protection of human rights of its people, which have been done by the government, since its first cycle of the UPR.

My delegation also would like to commend the initiatives of the government in the health care section particularly, with regard to considerably reduced of child mortality in the country.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to make 3 recommendations to Bangladesh for its consideration:

1. To continue its efforts to improve standard living including promoting social security.
2. To Enhance its efforts to reduce the health hazards posed by industrial activities including leather industries, through creating special zones for industries;
3. Finally , to Continue implementation of social programs to carry out information and education activities with regard to people with disabilities.

Let me Mr. President, to conclude, by wishing prosperity for the delegation of Bangladesh for further promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you