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Statement by Ireland:

Thank you Mr President/ Madame Vice President,

Ireland welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh and thanks it for its presentation today. Ireland welcomes positive steps taken by Bangladesh since its last UPR including the ratification of the Rome Statue and efforts to address overcrowding in prisons.

Ireland appreciates the leadership of Bangladesh regarding the issue of Climate Change and Human Rights.

Ireland encourages Bangladesh to establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Ireland urges Bangladesh to ensure international standards of fair trial, witness protection and victim reparations at the Bangladesh War Crimes Tribunal.

Ireland notes the government's efforts on worker's rights including the drafting of an Occupational Safety and Health Policy. The factory collapse last week with a tragic loss of life shows great challenges remain. Ireland **recommends** that Bangladesh ensure widespread, unannounced and rigorous factory inspections and where breaches of the Labour Act 2006 occur those responsible are held accountable in a manner sufficient to ensure deterrence.

Ireland notes significant progress in relation to child mortality which has seen a substantial decline in under-five mortality rates. Ireland **recommends** that Bangladesh further build on this progress and ensure the implementation of nationwide, high quality and accessible antenatal, neonatal and under-five health services including during emergency response.

I thank you Mr President.