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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Bangladesh
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Mr. President,

We thank H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh and other members of the delegation for presenting their national report.

We welcome the enactment of 196 legislations by the Parliament of Bangladesh including the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Act, the Domestic Violence Act and the Human Trafficking Prevention and Control Act. We are hopeful that efforts to further strengthen the NHRC by increasing its financial and human resources would bring the desired results.

Mr. President,

While acknowledging the challenges faced by Bangladesh such as resource constraints, climate change and natural disasters, we appreciate efforts by the Government of Bangladesh in socio-economic areas including alleviation of poverty, employment generation, ensuring food security and providing healthcare services.

The Government of Bangladesh has made commendable efforts in order to protect rights of child and women through adoption of a National Children Policy, Child Labor Elimination Policy and a National Women Development Policy.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- to continue efforts to prevent violence against children;
- to continue to improve access to healthcare and education;
- prevent violence against women by proper enforcement of laws and ensure prosecution and punishment of the real offenders through proper investigation and judicial process.