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**Mr President,**

Allow me first to ~~join the previous speakers by~~ extending Rwanda's sincere condolences to the Government and people of Bangladesh for the loss of life and injuries caused by the collapse of the factory building in Dhaka on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013,

Rwanda warmly welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh to the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of the UPR and thanks Bangladesh for its comprehensive national report.

We take note with appreciation of the substantive reforms undertaken by the government to strengthen its legislative, institutional and policy mechanisms for the protection and promotion of the Human Rights.

Rwanda further welcomes the transformation of National Human Rights into a primary institution with a clear mandate to ensure the implementation of the Human rights in Bangladesh.

We are also encouraged by the significant reforms undertaken by the government to ensure the independence of the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC), which gained public confidence.

Finally Mr. President, my delegation wishes to recommend that Bangladesh continue its current efforts to promote gender equality by establishing legislative framework to protect women's rights of inheritance and ownership of land.

**Thank you Mr. President**