

UPR 16th WORKING GROUP
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STATEMENT BY TURKEY

Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Bangladesh and thank them for their comprehensive report.

We convey our deepest condolences for the tragic event of last week which resulted in the death of more than 350 people. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bangladeshi people.

Bangladesh, with its young and vibrant population, parliamentary democracy, multi-faith and multicultural nature has made significant strides in the last years not only towards the improvement of the living standards of millions of its people but also as regards upholding fundamental rights and the rule of law in the country. We witnessed the people's empowerment, especially the empowerment of women that has gone along the economic and social development of the society.

We welcome the adoption of national legislation on various topics as well as the new policies for promotion and protection of human rights. The establishment of the National Human Rights Commission has been a major step. We very much welcome Bangladesh's commitment to cooperate with international human rights mechanisms.

We also commend Bangladesh's tireless efforts and international cooperation in combating human trafficking and fight against terrorism.

Against this background, Mr. President, we would like to make the following 3 recommendations to the Government of Bangladesh:

1. Continue to fight corruption in all segments of the society with a view to creating a suitable business environment that is conducive to attract more foreign investments which in the longer term will contribute to the economic and social development of the country.

2. Continue to address the problems related to the working conditions and prioritize the protection and welfare of the workers, especially the women.
3. Reconsider its position vis-a-vis the capital punishment with the ultimate aim of abolishing the death penalty totally.

Thank you.