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Bangladesh statement on UPR of Malaysia

Malaysia has been successful in coupling its advancement in the promotion and protection of human rights with its sustained economic growth and remarkable socio-cultural harmony. My delegation is pleased to note many commendable advances made by Malaysia through progressive policies, initiatives and actions like the National Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in line with our recommendation it accepted during its first cycle of UPR. In similar vein, it has taken important steps concerning recruitment and employment of foreign workers. We are happy to note and appreciate the Malaysian government to conclude the Government to Government arrangement with Bangladesh for promoting rights of Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia, preventing their exploitation and to ensure better terms of employment.

In light of the advances made, we recommend Malaysia to:

1. enhance access to justice for foreign workers; and
2. ensure that the recruitment agencies for foreign workers fully comply with the applicable laws and regulation.