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Bangladesh statement on UPR of Cambodia

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Cambodia.

We are highly impressed at the number of treaties to which it has accessed or ratified in last four years.

My delegation is happy to note the inclusiveness of the preparations and consultations involving participation of civil society, NGOs and other stakeholders. We are also happy to note that the Royal government has prioritized the promotion of women's roles and status in the society through various noteworthy actions. [It is noteworthy that Cambodia has already reached 5 out of 8 MDGs targets.]

Mr. President, Bangladesh being a fellow LDC, recognizes the challenges and impediments with which Cambodia is burdened. Despite considerable achievements made, poverty remains a serious impediment for the full enjoyment of human rights in the country. Uncertainties around the world's economy and finance impose a major impediment to reduce poverty and thereby to the full promotion and protection of human rights in many areas. These challenges and impediments are faced by many developing countries, including by the LDCs like Cambodia, where the economy relies on external market. Hence, a conducive trade, economic and financial environment and policies at global level is highly essential in addressing the challenges and impediments existing in the way of full enjoyment of all human rights. This needs to be addressed as well.