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Bangladesh statement on UPR of Chile

My delegation welcomes and thanks the delegation of Chile for the presentation of the National report.

We commend the establishment of INDH reflecting action on recommendation accepted by Chile during its 1st cycle. The delegation also accepted, recommendation 60 to address socio-economic disparities between the indigenous and non-indigenous populations and recommendation 62 to undertake appropriate reforms to enhance the scope for political representation of the indigenous people. We request the delegation to inform the WG on actions taken with regard to these two recommendations given the concern that CERD noted over the low level of political participation by indigenous peoples and their poor representation in parliament.

My delegation share concerns of some treaty bodies over continued prejudices, discriminatory treatment and violent attacks against indigenous peoples and members of minorities. We also share the concern of CEDAW about the discriminatory calculation system of the pension fund for women.

We therefore recommend the Chilean government to -

1. Take reform measures to ensure equality with respect to pension fund;
2. Protect the right of family being the natural and fundamental group of society based upon the stable relationship between a man and a woman, and
3. Prevent and combat xenophobia and racial prejudice and assure protection for indigenous population against discrimination.