

18th Session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Chile.

Statement by Amb. Daw Penjo, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bhutan on 28th January 2014

Mr. President,

My delegation ^{extends} joins the previous speakers in extending a warm welcome to the high level delegation of Chile to this Session of the UPR Working Group. We ~~thank~~ and congratulate them for ^{the comprehensive national report updating} ~~presenting us with an update on~~ the ground situations and the developments underway to promote and protect the human rights of its people.

We note ^{commend} with appreciation that Chile ^{for the} has made ^{made} great efforts to implement ~~most of~~ the recommendations received during its last review. The ~~efforts made in~~ promoting ^{of} the economic, social and cultural rights of its citizens are laudable, and in particular, we note ~~with appreciation~~ the substantive increase in the allocation of the government budget to the education sector, with a focus on the improvement of the standard of learning and educational facilities in the rural areas.

We also take positive note of the initiatives taken to promote and protect the human rights of the most vulnerable groups such as the women, children and the disabled. In this regard, the work carried out by the National Service for Women (SERNAM) in ensuring the protection of women against domestic violence and in combating child labour, commercial sexual exploitation of children and human trafficking are highly commendable.

In conclusion, Bhutan would like to recommend to the Government of Chile ~~to~~ ^{for further} ~~consider furthering~~ the implementing of the national plan of action on trafficking in persons, which is currently being drawn up.

Consideration

We wish the delegation of Chile success in the UPR engagement.

I thank you, Mr. President