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18th Session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Eritria
Tashi Pelden, First Secretary
**Statement by Amb. Daw Penjo, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom
of Bhutan on 31st January 2014.**

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the high level delegation of Eritria to this session of the UPR Working Group.

Bhutan would like to note the achievements made since its first review, in the areas of social sectors such as the education, rights of children and women empowerment. In particular, initiatives for free school education up to the tertiary level; vocational skills training program for the school dropouts and economic empowerment programs for women to help realise their full potential are significant achievements.

We also note that Eritria is on track with health and gender equality related MDGs and accelerating its efforts on the MDGs on poverty and hunger reduction and universal access to primary education. In this respect, we would like to recommend to Eritria to continue its efforts to realise these goals of poverty reduction and universal access to primary education.

In conclusion, we wish the delegation of Eritria a successful engagement in this UPR review process.

I thank you Mr. President