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Statement of Bangladesh delegation during the UPR of Yemen

My delegation would like to welcome Her Excellency Ms. Hooria Mashhoyr Ahmed, Minister of Human Rights. We would like to thank the delegation for a comprehensive presentation of the human rights situation on Yemen.

Mr. President, Yemen accepted 125 recommendations out of 142 during its first cycle of Review. We commend the government of Yemen for accepting such huge number of recommendations as it reflects the sincere efforts of the country to promote and protect human rights of its citizens.

My delegation commend the actions to strengthen several institutions by establishing the Human rights offices in a number of governorates, the General Department for Human Rights, the General Department for Family Protection and the general departments for the advancement of women in several ministries.

We are also happy to note the progress made in the enrolment rate of girls in the schools, and the Development Strategy for Working Women 2003–2011, drawn up to increase participation by women in the formal and informal sectors of the economy.

However, we strongly acknowledge that the constraints imposed by poverty and under-development often tend to undermine these achievements. International community, therefore, must provide necessary assistance to the government of Yemen to address the existing challenges effectively.