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Bangladesh statement during the UPR of Bhutan.

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Bhutan in our midst. We commend the delegation for the comprehensive national report and the presentation.

We would like to congratulate the government ^{for} its successful conclusion of its second Parliamentary elections which has further consolidated Bhutan's democratic process. We also acknowledge various progresses made in the country during last four years. Bhutan is on track of achieving most MDGs by 2015 or earlier especially in areas of poverty reduction, primary education, and reduction of infant mortality and maternal mortality. We are further pleased to note the progress made in the Bhutan in ensuring gender equality in education. We commend the role played by the National Commission for Women and Children as an autonomous agency for protection and promotion of rights of women and children.

Mr. President,

As a fellow SAARC and LDC member, we fully share the challenges the country faces in its efforts in promoting and protecting human rights in the country. Though Bhutan has done remarkably well in terms of poverty reduction, poverty still remain widely prevalent in the country. The task to eradicate poverty is not easy and is usually fraught with enormous challenges and constraints. Development and progress are challenged by vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters and are highly uneven across districts and sub-districts. We therefore, recommend the country to continue its fight against poverty and the negative impacts of climate change with the support from international community.

We wish Bhutan a successful and productive UPR.

Thank you.

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