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**Intervention by H.E Modest Mero, Permanent
Representative, Tanzania Mission to UN, Geneva, during
the Review on Bhutan**

Mr. President,

Tanzania warmly welcomes the distinguished high level delegation of Bhutan and we thank the delegation for their constructive engagement. We are pleased to note that Bhutan is deeply committed to ensuring promotion and protection of all human rights of its people and we commend progress made including the completion of the 10th Five Year Plan and successful conduct of the Second Parliamentary Elections in July 2013.

Mr. President,

My delegation recognizes the achievement made by the government in the area of economic development, education, health and food and nutrition security, among others. We hail numerous initiatives by the government in addressing youth unemployment. It is in this regards that we commend the government for drafting of the National Employment Policy. The government's programme to provide free education to all children and free health care to its citizens is also commendable.

To conclude, my delegation would like to recommend the government to continue intensifying its efforts in poverty reduction and economic development with a view to eventually graduation from the LDC category by 2020.

My delegation wishes Bhutan a success in the consideration of its report.

I thank you,