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Statement by Ambassador Daw Penjo
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bhutan
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26th Speaker

Mr. President,

My delegation extends a warm welcome to H.E. Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade and his delegation to this session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

We congratulate Brunei for the implementation of many of the recommendations received during its last review. The efforts made in promoting the rights of its people and the inclusive participation of women in many of its decision-making process is a remarkable achievement. We are pleased to note that the membership of the Legislative Council for the first time includes women. The initiatives taken to promote and protect the human rights of children and the disabled are commendable. We also appreciate Brunei's implementation of the Plan of Action on Family Institution and Women which covers children issues with the support of NGOs, corporate sector and all levels of the community.

In conclusion, Bhutan would like to recommend to the Government of Brunei to consider reviewing its national legislation and regulations to incorporate greater gender perspective and women's rights in the workplace and mobilise support for women in need.

I thank you, Mr. President