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**Statement of Bangladesh on UPR of Costa Rica**

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica.

We commend the role played by Costa Rica as one of the prominent countries in taking forward the issues related to climate change including deliberations on impact of climate change on human rights globally. We appreciate its role as the Chair of CVF.

Costa Rica has exhibited its capability to protect and promote human rights of its citizens. The country has taken some actions towards this objective. In this context, we welcome the National Policy for Children and Adolescents (PNNA) 2009. We also welcome the existing legislative provisions that preserve family as the traditional institution of society, which serve the best interest of the child.

However, there is much scope for further improving human rights situation in the country, in particular in the areas of protecting child rights and migrants' rights and protecting children from violence and commercial sexual exploitation. We have noted also that CRC remained concerned about the high number of children who were victims of sexual exploitation. In view of the above, my delegation would like to recommend that the government of Costa Rica,

1. Strengthens its actions to curb sexual exploitation of children ; and
2. Continues to uphold the traditional values of family life.