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**Bangladesh statement for the UPR of DPRK**

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of DPRK for their presence today. We are pleased to note that the presentation of the National Report of DPRK is very useful in understanding the human rights situation in the country. As a developing country, DPRK is faced with numerous challenges which have direct or indirect bearings on the enjoyment of human rights by its peoples. Natural calamities in DPRK are one of the major impediments hindering the development efforts of the country. Despite all the hurdles, the country has progressed in some areas that are noteworthy. It has made commendable achievements in health and education sectors. We admire the government's adoption of the 'Law on the Protection and Promotion of the Women's Rights' in 2010 which considerably raised public awareness regarding the women's rights. We also note that substantive reduction of maternal mortality enabled the country to get closer to achieving one of the MDGs.

Mr. President,

Poverty remains one of the root causes for deprivation of the people from enjoying their economic and social rights. Support of the international community to enhance the efforts of DPRK to eradicate poverty is crucial.

We therefore recommend that the government of DPRK continues its effort:

1. To take concrete measures to improve the health care for women to further decrease the maternal mortality
2. To direct more attention and allocate more resources for the improvement of the quality of education
3. To continue its efforts to fulfil economic, social and cultural rights of all
4. To continue its fight against poverty

And lastly, we hope that the human rights issues will continue to receive adequate attention of the government.

We wish DPRK a successful and productive UPR.

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