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## Statement of Bangladesh on UPR of Congo

Thank you Mr. President.

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Democratic Republic of Congo to the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review for its second cycle of Review. We commend the delegation for the presentation of their national report.

Mr. President,

We acknowledge the developments made in the promotion and protection of human rights in DRC despite the manifold challenges the country faces. We have also noted the new law providing for establishment of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) which had been promulgated in March 2013, the adoption of the Child Protection Code and the Presidential Decree ordering the demobilization of all children from the Armed Forces. We also acknowledge that the Constitution of DRC dedicates 57 articles to human rights and fundamental freedoms.

However, we find that there remains scope for further improvements of human rights situation in the country. Given the challenges faced by the country, we believe that the government cannot fulfil its human right obligations on its own without the support and cooperation from the international community.

We therefore, encourage the international community for rendering necessary assistance to DRC to support its efforts to promote and protect human rights in the country.

Thanking you Mr. Chairman.

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