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### Bangladesh Statement on UPR of Nicaragua

Bangladesh delegation welcomes the delegation of Nicaragua.

My delegation has studied the National report with great interest. The report bears evidence that the government of Nicaragua is sincerely striving to make progress in promoting and protecting human rights in the country. The initiatives like Zero Hunger, Family Garden and the Food Production Voucher schemes, combined with other effective measures have resulted in decrease in both general poverty from 48.3 to 42.5 per cent and in extreme poverty as well. The country has also achieved the goal established at the World Food Summit in 1996 of halving the number of undernourished persons ahead of time.

Despite the noteworthy progresses made, a lot remains to be achieved in Nicaragua. However, Bangladesh fully acknowledges the challenges faced by Nicaragua as a developing country, which include poverty and climate change impacts. Nicaragua is one of the countries that have huge population living in poverty. Though the country has made noteworthy progress in reducing poverty, it is yet to ensure basic services in many important areas of social and economic rights. The country is also faced with frequent natural disasters, which impede its endeavors to reach desired social and economic progresses. We therefore, believe, it is important to consider the country's need for international support to complement its national efforts.