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Statement of Bangladesh on UPR of Plurinational State of Bolivia

Thank you Mr. President.

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Bolivia. At the outset, we would like to congratulate Bolivia for its election to the Human Rights Council, which bears witness to firm commitment of the country in promoting and protecting human rights nationally and in the global arena.

The National report presented by Bolivia gives a detailed account of the actions taken to implement the recommendations accepted during its first cycle of Review. We are happy to note progress made in various socio-economic areas. We welcome various legislative measures like the Acts on guaranteeing a life free of violence for women and on the elimination of racism and all forms of discrimination. We have noted the progresses made in the promotion of women's rights, combating violence against women, ensuring Human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, Right to health and Right to education. We also welcome the Migration Act that guarantees for the reunification of migrant families. The progress made in decreasing extreme poverty from 38 to 18 per cent is noteworthy.

Mr. President, we appreciate the government of Bolivia for candidly noting that there remains challenges in the country. It is regrettable that the commitment for ODA to transfer 0.7 per cent of GDP to the developing countries has not been realized even after 14 years of its agreement. This has, like in many developing countries hindered the struggle against extreme poverty and thereby impeded the full enjoyment of human rights. We therefore, believe that the lack of fulfillment of ODA target should be addressed adequately by the Treaty bodies, special procedures and in other relevant official UN documents, in particular while assessing the SUR'S (State Under Review) progress in the 'Compilation of UN information'.