

STATEMENT BY BHUTAN ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF BOLIVIA, TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER 2014: 20TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

Mr. President,

Bhutan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, to the 20th session of the UPR working Group.

Bolivia has made ~~impressive~~ ^{significant} improvements in many aspects of their life, including human development and we welcome their report being presented before us today.

Bhutan strongly believes that poverty and income inequality are the source of all social problems and destructions in the society and in this regard, we are pleased to note that Bolivia's effort in reducing both the poverty level and the income inequality has achieved the desired results.

Bhutan also commend Bolivia for its efforts made in protecting and promoting the rights of women and children and in implementing the recommendations received during its first UPR, in this area.

In conclusion, Bhutan would like to congratulate Bolivia for fulfilling its voluntary commitments made during the first UPR and wish them all the best in carrying out the new voluntary commitment announced in this UPR in the areas of human rights.

I thank you, Mr. President