

Bangladesh statement on Universal Periodic Review of El Salvador

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Thank you Mr. President.

My delegation welcomes the delegation of El Salvador.

Mr. President, El Salvador is a state party to major core human rights treaties. With this basic premise of its international obligation, the country has been able to confirm its commitment to promote and protect human rights of its citizens.

We appreciate the stride the government of El Salvador has made in its efforts in implementing the recommendations it accepted during its first cycle of Review. Various efforts resulting in gradual development of diverse areas of the country's socio-economic sector is note-worthy.

We have noted with satisfaction the adoption of the 2011 Act on equality, fairness and elimination of discrimination against women. The Special Act on a Violence-Free Life for Women has enabled various mechanisms in the country to curb violence against women. We have also noted with appreciation the reform of the Political Parties Act which has established a 30 per cent quota among candidates for the elected posts for women candidates.

Mr. President, Bangladesh considers family as the core institution of society to cater the best interest and protection for children and women. We are therefore, happy to note that various programmes and plans in El Salvador have addressed involvement of family, in particular in the awareness raising on HIV/AIDS. As we commend this approach, we encourage El Salvador to continue to promote its measures on family.

Mr. President, despite the progresses and efforts made, El Salvador as a developing country faces many challenges. Concerns have been raised by many treaty bodies about discrimination against women, disparities in accessing the socio-economic opportunities, particularly by migrants. In view of the above, we would like to recommend that El Salvador,

1. Continues its efforts to eliminate discrimination against women; and
1. Enhances efforts to ensure safety and rights of migrants.