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Bangladesh statement on Universal Periodic Review of Italy

Bangladesh delegation welcomes the delegation of Italy.

At the outset, I convey our appreciation to the government of Italy for accepting, during its first UPR, our three recommendations, including on fulfilling the agreed level of ODA. However, despite the increases, it is far from reaching the agreed target of Monterrey consensus.

We commend Italy's efforts to ensure safety and rights of migrants in its sea-borders. We welcome the "National Strategy for the Inclusion of Roma, Sinti and Travellers Communities" and the national plans and programmes to integrate migrants and ensure their right to health and access to education. However, we have noted that relevant treaty bodies and the High Commissioner for Human Rights expressed alarm at the negative portrayal of migrants and Roma by media and some politicians and other authorities. CERD also regretted the persistence of stereotypes associating ethnic minorities and noncitizens with criminality, and Islam with terrorism. In view of the above, we recommend that Italian government:

1. raises the level of ODA to 0.7 per cent of GDP;
2. prevents all forms of discrimination and vilification and deliberate negative stereotyping of Roma community, Muslims, and migrants ; and
3. includes all migrants irrespective of their status within the national plans and programmes to integrate and ensure their human rights.