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Intervention of Bangladesh on UPR of Madagascar

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Madagascar led by Her Excellency Ms. Noeline Ramanantenasoa, Keeper of seals and Minister of Justice. We appreciate the presentation, which has provided us with detailed information on the efforts made by the country to ensure rule of law.

Bangladesh fully acknowledges the multiple challenges and constraints faced by Madagascar as an LDC, which are further aggravated by the economic crises and natural disasters. Economic and social situation had deteriorated owing to the impact of the global economic crisis, which had been compounded by the internal political crisis and natural disasters such as cyclones, floods, drought and plagues of locusts. The country is faced with wide-spread poverty, most notably in the rural areas.

We therefore, commend the stride made by the government of Madagascar in promoting and protecting human rights in the country despite these challenges.

Bangladesh welcomes the peaceful conduct of the elections in the country in 2013 and the subsequent restoration of the constitutional order. We have noted with satisfaction that the Constitution adopted in 2010 have placed due emphasis on women's rights. We also welcome the ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Mr. President, the commitment of the country as regards the promotion and protection of human rights is evident in these measures. These efforts bearing good results need to be enhanced by international cooperation through a frank and open dialogue based on respect of the country's sovereignty and priorities.

We wish Madagascar well.