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**Statement of Bangladesh delegation during the UPR of Lao People's Democratic Republic**

My delegation would like to welcome the delegation of **Lao People's Democratic Republic** among us. We thank the delegation for a comprehensive presentation which reaffirms the Laotian government's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights. We have studied the national report with interest and found it informative.

Mr. President, as fellow LDC member, Bangladesh is fully cognizant of the challenges and difficulties faced by **Lao People's Democratic Republic**. We therefore, commend the country for the achievements made in its stride in promoting and protecting human rights of its citizens.

We are particularly happy to note the Lao Government implementing various projects related to development and poverty eradication. It is commendable that the percentage of people living in poverty has declined from 27% in 2008 to 20.5% in 2014.

My delegation also commends the efforts of the country in promoting and protecting the rights of children and that of women by adopting various legal and institutional measures.

Finally, my delegation would like to recommend that Lao continues

1. its national efforts, with the support and assistance of the international community, in the promotion and protection of human rights particularly in the realization of economic, social and cultural rights of its people; and
2. Continues its efforts in eradication of poverty.

Thank you.