

## Bangladesh statement on the UPR of Nepal

My delegation cordially welcomes the delegation of Nepal.

Bangladesh appreciates the continuation of democratic transition process in the country in line with our recommendation made in its 1<sup>st</sup> UPR. The recently held election in Nepal has come at a critical juncture in Nepal's history. We are confident that the country will move towards peace, stability and development by accommodating the aspirations of all the Nepalese people.

As fellow SAARC and LDC member, we fully acknowledge the challenges faced by Nepal in its efforts to ensure full enjoyment of all human rights in the country. Despite considerable achievements made, poverty remains a serious impediment for the enjoyment of human rights of the Nepalese people. In addition to this, the country suffers from natural disasters and impact of climate change that threaten the enjoyment of human rights. The recent earthquake in Nepal, caused widespread destruction and loss of life. It has caused over 8000 deaths and 95,100 displaced people. Many people affected by the disaster are highly vulnerable, owing to socioeconomic and geographic factors. Considering these impediments, we need to keep in mind that it is not possible for Nepal to progress without continuous and coordinated efforts well supported by the international community in line with the country's needs, national programmes and policies. We therefore, recommend the government of Nepal to continue its fight against poverty with the support and cooperation of the international community.

We assure Bangladesh's continued commitment in extending cooperation to Nepal in its efforts.