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Bangladesh statement on the UPR of Oman, 05 November 2015

Thank you Mr. President,

I would like to begin by welcoming the delegation of Oman. We note with appreciation that Oman has made considerable efforts with success in some areas to implement the 103 recommendations it accepted during its first cycle of UPR.

Oman's economic growth, coupled with judicious policy initiatives in the area of governance, free education and free healthcare for all, and its commitment to bring women into the mainstream of its development aspirations, all have contributed to its overall improvement. We specially commend the sultanate of Oman for its significant strides in achieving gender parity at various levels of education.

We have also noted with interest Omani Nationality Act No. 38/2014 was enacted pursuant to the international treaties to which Oman is a party and in token of the country's commitment to promote human rights. We also appreciate the fact that the Ministry of Manpower has recently issued a package of laws and regulations to develop the labour market in a manner consistent with national requirements and international labour standards.

Despite these achievements, Oman still faces some challenges. In this regard, we would like to recommend that the government of Oman,

1. Continue its efforts in addressing the welfare of foreign workers; and
2. Continues to strengthen its policies and programmes for enhancing women's rights, empowerment and equality in accordance with its socio-cultural and national context.

I thank you."

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