

Twenty Third UPR Working Group: Review of the Sultanate of Oman

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First Secretary

Mr. President,

Bhutan warmly welcomes the delegation of Oman led by.....to the UPR Working Group.

Since its last review, the government of the sultanate of Oman has introduced a significant number of mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights. We commend Oman's efforts in introducing new laws and legislations and amending the existing ones for effective implementation of human rights.

In particular, Bhutan notes the steps the Sultanate of Oman has taken to address the rights of all children through measures such as the promulgation of Children's Act which ensures that children in Oman are able to exercise all their rights in a manner consistent with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, its two Optional Protocols and other relevant legislation. **We recommend Oman to continue strengthening practical measures to bring about effective implementation of the Act.**

Bhutan also appreciates the policy of providing universal education in the Sultanate of Oman. The policy of free school education resonates well with the free education policy Bhutan has adopted since the beginning of its modernization. We recommend the sultanate of Oman to continue these good practices.

Thank you, Mr. President