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**Bangladesh statement on the UPR of Mozambique, 19 January 2016 (24th UPR Working Group session)**

Thank you Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Mozambique to its second cycle of UPR.

As an LDC, extreme poverty and malnutrition remain a key challenge for Mozambique. In the backdrop of four centuries of colonial rule and 15-year long civil war before the restoration of democratic process in 1994, the Government of Mozambique has taken some commendable steps in promoting and protecting human rights. These include the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission, appointment of Ombudsman, ratification of a number of international human rights instruments and the formulation of the 2nd National Action Plan for Children. At the political level, the cease-fire agreement of September 2014 and the national election held in October 2014 indeed mark important achievements for peace and stability in the country.

No doubt, the economic challenges faced by this Country warrant further technical assistance and international cooperation particularly for capacity building in areas including institution building in some sectors.

Finally, Mr. President, we recommend that the Government of Mozambique continues its efforts in,

1. gender mainstreaming in education and employment; and
2. combating extreme poverty, malnutrition and maternal and child mortality.

I thank you.