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Statement of Bangladesh delegation on the UPR of Singapore

Thank you Mr. President.

I warmly welcome the delegation of Singapore.

Mr. President, Singapore is a multi-religious and multi-racial society based on the conviction that Human rights exist in specific cultural, social, economic and historical contexts, as elaborated in the National report.

Bangladesh appreciates the continuation of the harmonious society safeguarded through mutual respect to diversity in the society and protected by its legal provisions. We believe respect to religious convictions and moral values of diverse religious communities is a key element to establish social harmony.

We have also noted with appreciation the government's strong efforts to safeguard the well-being of migrants. The country's strengthened social protection system, in particular for supporting low income citizens is highly commendable.

Nonetheless, number of treaty bodies and reports have documented also many challenges still existing in Singapore. We recommend that Singapore,

1. continues to promote and protect migrants and their rights, in particular while countering terrorism;
2. preserves its social harmony through retaining its existing legal provisions that allow various religious populations to live and practice their religion without stigma.; and
3. preserves its criminal justice system in order to reinforce rule of law.