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**Bangladesh statement on the UPR of Somalia, 22 January 2016 (24th UPR Working Group session)**

Thank you Mr. Vice President,

To begin, we welcome the delegation of Somalia to the second cycle of UPR. We also express appreciation for the national report and offer our condolences for the loss of lives in yesterday attack.

Somalia as a least developed country has been facing acute economic and developmental challenges, further aggravated by the prolonged war. These include deteriorating situation of AIDS and other health threats, sanitation and water shortage as well as malnutrition in the country.

Thus, it is indeed commendable that the Federal Government of Somalia is putting serious efforts and making considerable progress in safeguarding human rights in the country. In this regard, we especially welcome Somalia’s ratification of the CRC in October 2015. It is important that Somalia continues receiving due attention and assistance of the international community, including the United Nations and the African Union, in its efforts to come out of the devastation and ensure basic human rights for its citizens. At the same time, we urge Somalia to continue its high level of cooperation with the United Nations.

We wish Somalia success in its second cycle of UPR.

Thank you.