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Intervention by Bangladesh delegation on the UPR of Hungary

Thank you Mr. President.

We appreciate the progress made by Hungary in the promotion and protection of human rights in various sectors. The actions and provisions made for safeguarding and welfare of the institution of family and efforts to help children living in extreme poverty to ensure their moral development are noteworthy.

We highly commend the provision of the new Fundamental Law that limits the use of “freedom of expression” for violating the dignity of any national, ethnic, racial or religious community, while creating scope for filing law suit against hate speech.

Despite the progresses made, there still remains areas that are of concern to the international community. Treaty bodies expressed concern at the multiple discrimination and exclusion of women belonging to ethnic minorities, such as Roma. Serious concerns are raised over illegal actions of authorities and use of force on migrants and refugees. We also express concern that the current level of ODA still remains low despite the efforts to increase ODA contribution.

We recommend Hungary to:

1. Establish a comprehensive integration strategy for migrants, with specific measures to prevent and eliminate racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance against migrants irrespective of their status;
2. Increase level of ODA; and
3. Address the discriminatory situation of women belonging to minorities, including Roma women.

Thank you.