**Bangladesh statement in the Third Cycle of UPR of Algeria (08 May 2017, Geneva)**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Welcome to the delegation of Algeria and thanks for the elaborate presentation of the national report.

We thank Algeria for taking a balanced approach in reviewing its existing legal and political system to consolidate rule of law, good governance, human rights and human development. As a part of this, in 2016, Algeria amended the Constitution which strengthened independence of judiciary in the country more than ever.

Bangladesh also recognizes Algeria’s success in establishing an independent, high-powered authority on election oversight composed of legal experts and civil society representatives. Algeria also deserves to be praised for setting up its National Human Rights Council with constitutional status and financial and administrative autonomy.

In the spirit of peer review, we recommend that our brotherly nation, Algeria, build on its success and invest further to ensure that religious minorities can freely exercise their rights and freedoms in all spheres of life.

We wish Algeria a successful review.

I thank you.