**Bangladesh statement in the Third Cycle of UPR of Ecuador (01 May 2017,Geneva)**

Thank you, Mr. President,

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

Bangladesh congratulates Ecuador for significant steps taken to implement the recommendations of the last two UPR cycles.

Economic development in Ecuador went hand in hand with promotion of social justice. It’s remarkable success in reducing income inequality by 40% in last 10 years is praiseworthy. Also, Ecuador’s model of “universal health care access” could be an example to many countries -- developing and developed alike. We also commend the new government’s efforts to ensure protection and rights of vulnerable groups. We applaud it’s track record of promoting the rights and wellbeing of migrants as one of the largest migrant-receiving countries in Latin America.

Independence of judiciary being the corner stone of ensuring human rights, we recommend that Ecuador strives to ensure full separation of judiciary from the executive branch as far as appointment of senior judicial officials are concerned.

We also recommend that Ecuador takes steps to recognize the Roma people as its own citizens and to protect them against racial discrimination.

We wish Ecuador a successful UPR.

I thank you.

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