

**44th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Statement by the Government of Bangladesh**

**On the Review of Uzbekistan**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Bangladesh welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan in the 4th cycle of UPR.

We congratulate Uzbekistan for becoming a member of HRC for the first time for the term 2021-2023. The measures taken to implement the recommendations of its last UPR are commendable. It is indeed fascinating that Uzbekistan has adopted its maiden national Constitution by referendum in April 2023. We also take note with appreciation that it has adopted several national policies and plan of action, including the New Uzbekistan development strategy for 2022–2026 and National Strategy for Achieving Gender Equality in 2020–2030 for the promotion and protection of human rights.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend for Uzbekistan the following:

1. Continuing allocation of sufficient human personnels and financial resources with a view to ensuring the availability and accessibility of quality health-care services for all.
2. Strengthening efforts to achieve inclusive education at all levels, including by improving the physical accessibility of schools and universities, equipping educational facilities with adapted learning materials, and providing teachers with adequate training; and
3. Taking adequate measures to eliminate all sorts of discrimination, with particular attention in removing socioeconomic discrimination and marginalization of the Lyuli/Roma communities.

I thank you.

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