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**Intervention by India at the 47th session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group (4-15 November 2024): 4th UPR of Norway, delivered by H.E. Mr. Arindam Bagchi, Permanent Representative of India, Geneva, 4 November 2024**

Mr. President,

India welcomes the delegation of Norway for presentation of its national report.

2. We appreciate efforts of the Government of Norway in implementation of recommendations made during the third cycle of UPR.

3. We would like to make the following recommendations under the 4th cycle:

One, revise current standards on solitary confinement for prisoners. Solitary confinement should be used only in exceptional cases.

Two, revise the concerned legislations that have led to ethnic profiling by law enforcement authorities and ensure that practices that could lead to discriminatory treatment on the basis of physical appearance, colour or ethnic or national origin is prevented.

Three, take appropriate steps to ensure that cultural misrepresentation does not lead to family separations or children being put in foster care, particularly among the immigrant families.

Four, strengthen the implementation of the principle of Indigenous Peoples’ right to free, prior, and informed consent in energy production and mining licensing processes in Sámi areas.

and Fifth, Reconsider the child protection system, which should give priority to the best interests of the child stipulated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

4. We wish a successful UPR to Norway and a comfortable stay in Geneva to the delegation of Norway.

 I thank you.