

**40th Session of UPR Working Group**

**Statement by Bangladesh in the Review of Syria under 3rd Cycle of UPR**

**24 January 2022, 14:30 – 18:00 hrs.**

Mr. President,

Bangladesh appreciates the active participation of Syria in the UPR. We recognize Syria’s efforts to create the national human rights institution. Syria’s initiative to develop a national plan for gender equality is a positive step.

Bangladesh makes the following recommendations to Syria:

1. Continue efforts to protect civilians and their fundamental rights and to ensure that – within the means available – their basic needs are met;
2. Continue efforts to establish the national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles;
3. Continue to strengthen social security and social empowerment measures, with a particular focus on vulnerable sections of the society; and
4. Continue efforts to ensure access to education by all children, including children with disabilities, with support from UNICEF and other relevant international partners.

We wish Syria a successful review.

I thank you.

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