**41ST SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF INDIA**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam thanks India for the presentation of their National Report, and welcomes the steps that have been taken in implementing recommendations from its previous UPR cycle.

In particular, we commend India’s commitment in the area of adequate housing through programmes such as the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) and Smart Cities Mission which has reduced poverty and enabled its people to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities. We note with concern though the report of attacks on minority communities and instances of religious intolerance, violence and discrimination.

Brunei Darussalam also proposes the following recommendations:

1. To continue implementing various schemes and measures to ensure inclusive access to adequate housing and basic amenities; and
2. Prioritise efforts to ensure that persons with disabilities are afforded the same right to education as all.

We wish India a successful review.

Thank you.

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