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**Statement by the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bhutan**

Bhutan welcomes the concrete efforts made by India in implementing its human rights obligations, particularly those guided by its developmental agenda (*Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas)*.

We welcome the measures to mitigate the impact of the pandemic and applaud India's generosity in donating COVID vaccines to many countries during the crisis. Bhutan commends India’s policy initiatives to address poverty through various poverty alleviation measures.

We also note the measures taken such as amendment of the criminal law on sexual harassment, increased penalty for rape of girl child and the setting up help centres for victims of sexual offences.

We recommend the following:

1. To continue its efforts in addressing rural poverty and
2. To take further steps to combat sexual offences against women and children.

We wish India every success in its review.

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