**Statement of Bangladesh in the Review of the Republic of Mali**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Bangladesh welcomes the Mali delegation to the UPR Working Group. We commend presentation of their national report which is based on consultations with State bodies, national human rights institutions and other stakeholders. Despite challenges faced due to the ongoing situation, the commitment of the Government of Mali for promotion and protection of human rights and for cooperation with the international human rights mechanism are commendable.

We appreciate Mali’s efforts in implementing the recommendations accepted in the last UPR Cycle. We welcome the progress and developments in relevant areas during the current reporting period such as continuing ratification and accession to various international human rights instruments, harmonizing national legislation with international commitments and introducing projects and programs to ensure administration of justice. Despite constraints faced as an LDC, Mali is making praiseworthy efforts in upholding the rights to adequate standard of living, education and health.

Mr. President,

We are confident that, with commitment shown, supplemented by the technical assistance she deserves from international community, Mali would be able to surmount existing challenges and fulfill its national development plans.

We wish the Republic of Mali a successful Review.

Thank you.

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