

**Statement of Bangladesh in the Review of Saudi Arabia during the 31st session of the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, 05 November 2018**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Bangladesh warmly welcomes the Saudi Arabian delegation to their third cycle of UPR Review and appreciate the national report just presented.

Mr. Chair,

Saudi Government’s ongoing efforts to further ensure fundamental human rights of its citizens and resident foreign nationals are commendable. We agree that right to development is at the core of ensuring the promotion and protection of human rights for everyone. There must be regard for each country’s socio-economic, cultural and religious realities and relevant obligations in assessing human rights situation. Saudi Arabia’s national development and her humanitarian support across the globe, especially in Muslim world, are positively contributing to socio-economic progress in countries and communities and are worthy of appreciation. We hope that the “Saudi Vision 2030” will meet with full successes.

Mr. Chair,

We have the following recommendations:

1. Share with others the unique and pioneering experience in managing the pilgrims and visitors and providing them healthcare and other services.
2. Implement the MoU for technical cooperation, concluded recently between the Kingdom and the IOM to strengthen cooperation in combating and preventing human trafficking.

Thank you.