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

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Thank you, Mr. Vice President.

Bangladesh warmly welcomes the delegation of Senegal to the third cycle of UPR and appreciates their national report prepared thorough consultations among various public and civil society organizations and the national human rights institution.

My delegation commends Senegal’s balanced approach in reviewing its existing legal environment to strengthen democracy and to ensure the rule of law. As a part of this, Senegal has undergone a major process of referendum-based constitutional reform.

We also commend the efforts of the Government of Senegal in protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, women and the child especially through empowering women and preventing trafficking of children.

My delegation would like to recommend that Senegal -

1. Continues constructive cooperation with the international human rights mechanisms; and
2. Repeals article 285 of the Family Code which tolerates physical violence against children in the form of reprimands and punishments.

We wish Senegal a successful review.

I thank you.

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