**Bangladesh Statement in the Review of the Third Cycle of UPR of Lao PDR**

**Geneva, 21 January 2020**

**1430-1800 hrs.**

Thank you, Mr. President.

1. Bangladesh welcomes the distinguished delegation of Lao People’s Democratic Republic to the Third Cycle of UPR.
2. We take positive note of Lao PDR’s initiatives to amend and adopt several laws, policies, particularly to amend the Constitution in order to respect, protect and guarantee the human rights. It is encouraging to see newly adopted first ever Penal Code, Civil Code, Law on State Compensation, Law on Treaties and International Agreements. We appreciate continuing economic growth and recent up-lifting of people’s living conditions, accelerating the country’s progress to graduation from LDC group by 2024. We applaud Lao PDR’s submission of national reports on ICCPR, CEDAW, CRC and CRPD in recent years.
3. Bangladesh recommends Lao PDR to:
4. Continue efforts international community’s support and assistance in promoting and protecting human rights particularly the economic, social and cultural rights of its people.
5. Continue its efforts to eradicate poverty and promote access to education for all citizens.
6. We wish Lao PDR a successful review. Thank you.

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