**Bangladesh Statement at the Review of Malawi**

**under Third Cycle of UPR**

**03 November 2020, 09:00 – 12:30 hrs**

Thank you, Madam President.

02. Bangladesh warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Malawi.

03. Bangladesh commends Malawi’s efforts to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as its continued cooperation with international human rights mechanisms. In this regard, we appreciate the enactment and amendment of some key legislations by the Government of Malawi during the period under review, including the Access to Information Act and the Trafficking in Persons Act. We also applaud Malawi for adopting a few forward-looking strategies and policies like the National Forest Policy, 2016 and the National Health Policy, 2018-2030.

Madam President,

04. Bangladesh recommends Malawi to:

**One,** continue to promote women’s empowerment in all sectors.

**Two,** continue efforts to increase people’s access to basic health services, particularly in rural areas with the aim of reducing and preventing maternal and infant mortality.

05. We wish Malawi a successful review. I thank you.

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