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**Statement to be delivered by  
H.E. Ms. Iruthisham Adam, Ambassador/Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Maldives to the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Group on  
Universal Periodic Review, on the Review of Bangladesh  
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Thank You Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome Her Excellency Madam Dipu Moni, the Honourable Foreign Minister of Bangladesh and the distinguished delegation of Bangladesh to the Working Group on the UPR. As a close and partner, let me first of all express our deepest condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims in the recent tragedy.

My delegation would like to recommend the following;

First, to take further steps in bringing domestic legislation and policies in line with its obligations under core human rights instruments such as the Convention Against Torture and the CRPD.

Second, to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, and to establish an effective national preventive mechanism.

And Finally, to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure at the earliest possible opportunity.

Mr. President,

The Maldives welcomes the adoption of a number of important legislations by Bangladesh aimed at the promotion of human rights since its first review in 2009 and we appreciate the efforts made by Bangladesh in cooperating with the Special Procedures and Mandate holders of the Council.



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We commend the Government for their achievements given the number of challenges it faces, and is encouraged by its commitment to further enhance human rights in the country.

However, the Maldives remain concerned about the continued practice of extrajudicial killing, enforced disappearances, torture and other ill-treatment, we hope that the Government of Bangladesh will enact appropriate measures to promote accountability and to end impunity.

We wish the delegation of Bangladesh all the success in its review.

Thank You Mr. President.