

UPR Working Group - Sixth Session

Adoption of the Report of the UPR of BHUTAN

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Statement by INDIA on behalf of the TROIKA

Mr President,

On behalf of the Troika comprising Madagascar, Uruguay and India, I have the privilege to present the draft report of the Universal Periodic Review of Bhutan held on 4 December 2009.

At the outset, I should like to take this opportunity to thank the head of the Bhutanese delegation, H.E. Lyonpo Kinzang Dorji, Former Prime minister and Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Bhutan and members of his delegation, for the frank and open manner in which they have participated in this review process.

Mr. President,

The Troika would like to report that we enjoyed an excellent working relationship with the delegation of Bhutan during the preparation of the report. The discussions between the Troika members and the delegation of Bhutan were very constructive and conducted in a transparent manner.

We note that the delegation of Bhutan has been attentive to the recommendations and suggestions made by members of the Working Group. The Troika expresses the hope that the delegation of Bhutan has benefitted from the interactions during the course of its review in the Working Group, and that the Government of Bhutan will apply constructively all the recommendations that enjoy its support, in order to improve further human rights standards at all levels of the national sphere. On behalf of the Troika, I should like to wish H.E. Lyonpo Kinzang Dorji and his delegation the very best for the future.

Mr. President,

The Troika would like to express its deep appreciation to all the members of the Secretariat for their hard work and timely assistance in preparing the draft report.

With this, Mr. President, may I, on behalf of the Troika, invite all the distinguished members of the Working Group to give due consideration to the draft report, with a view to adopting it?

Thank you.
