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UPR of the Republic of Yemen - Interactive Dialogue

Monday, the 11th of May, 1430h-1730h

Intervention by India

Mr. President,

DR. HUDA - AL - BAN, Minister of Human Rights

India would like to thank the delegation of the Republic of Yemen represented by^..... for its comprehensive national report on the situation of Human Rights in their country. India takes positive note of the fact that Yemen has ratified most of the core international Human Rights Conventions and has established a national committee to study domestic legislation and harmonize it with international obligations. Yemen's commitment to the protection and promotion of Human Rights is reflected in the setting up of an independent ministerial portfolio for Human Rights within the government in 2003, and in its stated aim of establishing an institutional mechanism to implement the recommendations of the UPR.

Among several progressive laws, India particularly appreciates the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, the Rights of the Child Act, and the Welfare and Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities Act. India also acknowledges the Press and Publications Act and the Civil Associations and Institutions Act.

Mr. President,

India commends Yemen for several initiatives related to the Rights of Women, including the setting up of the National Commission on Women which inter-alia, contributes to the formulation of policies and strategies relating to women, the adoption of a national gender strategy to promote women's political, economic,

social and cultural advancement and the establishment of women's departments in all ministries and government agencies. In the field of Child Rights, India is encouraged by the adoption of the National Strategy for Children and Young People and the lowering of the under-five mortality rate to 78 per 1000 live births and would like to fully support Yemen's endeavour to further lower this rate. India observes the candour with which the report addresses the issues relating to poverty and is concerned at the adverse effects of the global financial and food crises on the population of Yemen.

Mr. President,

India recognizes the problems faced by Yemen due to the influx of refugees from the Horn of Africa and commends the efforts undertaken by Yemen for the welfare of these refugees. India also notes the thrust towards decentralization including the provision for the election of governors with a view to enhance popular participation and democracy. To conclude, India would like to seek information from the delegation of Yemen on the progress made with regard to the establishment of an independent national human rights institution in full accordance with the Paris Principles.

Thank You, Mr. President.
