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**AGENDA ITEM 6: Consideration of UPR Report of Bhutan  
(18<sup>th</sup> March 2010)**

**Statement by India**

Mr. President,

As a close friend and neighbour of Bhutan, and as a member of the troika for its Universal Periodic Review (UPR), India warmly welcomes the delegation of Bhutan led by H.E. Mr Yeshey Dorji, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, and thanks them for their comprehensive response to the recommendations made during their review on 4 December 2009.

02. India appreciates the candid, receptive and constructive manner in which Bhutan chose to approach and participate in the UPR process. Bhutan's review also reflected wide participation and engagement by all States, with as many as 53 statements delivered by States from the floor. Another indication was the large number of recommendations made, totaling 99 in all. We are greatly encouraged to learn that Bhutan has chosen to accept a majority of these recommendations, while giving detailed responses to each.

03. India believes that Bhutan has gained much from its earnest participation in the review and trusts that it will further intensify its efforts to implement the recommendations accepted by it over the next four years. India congratulates Bhutan for its successful review and wishes it well in its future endeavours.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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