### UPR of Bangladesh (2nd Cycle – 16th session)

#### Thematic list of recommendations

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<td><strong>Theme: A12 Acceptance of international norms</strong></td>
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| 129.1. Sign and ratify the new Optional Protocol to CRC on a communications procedure (Slovakia); Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure at the earliest opportunity (Maldives); | Supported | A12 Acceptance of international norms  
F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection  
B51 Right to an effective remedy  
S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions  
**Affected persons:**  
- children | Not implemented Although not included in the UPR recommendations in 2013, Bangladesh has not ratified the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children. |
| **Theme: A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas)** | | | |
| 129.29. Continue to practice the adoption and implementation of national action plans in various areas of human rights to implement certain recommendations accepted in the framework of the Universal Periodic Review (Somalia); | Supported | A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas)  
A27 Follow-up to Universal Periodic Review (UPR)  
**Affected persons:**  
- general | Partly implemented: A ‘National Plan of Action for Combating Human Trafficking 2015-2017’ has been adopted, but no plan is in place to implement the OPSC or on child protection. |
### Theme: D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking

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| 129.18. Combat the sale and trafficking in children and strengthen partnerships with all stakeholders so as to provide child victims with recovery and social reintegration services and programmes (Kyrgyzstan); | Supported | D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking  
F33 Children: protection against exploitation  
B53 Support to victims and witnesses  
S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work  
S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions | Partly implemented: The focus of the government has been on anti-trafficking efforts. More should be done in the coordination, cooperation and service provision (psychosocial counselling, implement self-help approach for effective reintegration and or rehabilitation) to counter sexual exploitation of children and provide services to victims. |

**Affected persons:**
- children

| 129.19. Combat the sale and trafficking in children more effectively and strengthen partnerships with all stakeholders in order to provide child victims with recovery and social reintegration services and programmes (Republic of Moldova); | Supported | D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking  
F33 Children: protection against exploitation  
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| 129.95. Strengthen measures in order to ensure that all children have a valid birth certificate and deploy additional and more coordinated efforts to protect children from early and forced marriages (Uruguay); | Supported | D6 Rights related to name, identity, nationality  
F13 Violence against women  
F19 Girls  
S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment  
S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions | Partly implemented: The Bangladeshi Birth and Death Registration Act requires from both the bride and the groom to provide a birth certificate for their marriage to be registered and to fine parents if the birth of a child is not registered within 45 days. However, further measures are necessary to address the very low birth registration (37%). Birth registration needs to be improved by reducing costs, complexity and by providing adequate skilled human resources, utilising IT technology and a computer data base.  
Awareness has to be raised on compulsory birth registration, its importance as well as the legal consequences, in order to effect implementation of Birth and Death Registration Act. |

**Theme: D6 Rights related to name, identity, nationality**

- **Affected persons:**  
  - children  
  - In particularly the girls

**Source of position:** A/HRC/24/12 - Para. 129
### Theme: F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection

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| 129.71. Continue efforts to prevent violence against children (Pakistan); **Source of position:** A/HRC/24/12 - Para. 129 | Supported | F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection  
D29 Domestic violence  
S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions  
**Affected persons:**  
- children | Partially implemented: The Children Act 2013 ("Sishu Ain 2013") which defines children as below the age of 18 years of age and has a general prohibition of child exploitation in prostitution. However, the national legal framework has, to date, not yet codified all international standards to protect children from sexual exploitation as per article 3 OPSC. |
| 129.90. Take active steps to effectively reduce the incidence of early forced marriage, including through the thorough implementation of existing laws such as the Child Marriage Restraint Act, the Dowry Prohibition Act and the Prevention of Women and Children Repression Act (Canada); **Source of position:** A/HRC/24/12 - Para. 129 | Supported | F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection  
F13 Violence against women  
F19 Girls  
S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment  
S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions  
**Affected persons:**  
- girls | Partially implemented: The Child Marriage Restraint Act, adopted in 2017, is meant to restrain child marriage, but is still allowing child marriage “if it is in the interest of the underage girl” with the consent of the parents and meeting directives of a court. Thus, the new law allows child marriage by keeping the special provision in article-6. In the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2017 |
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<td>129.40. Continue its policies on improving the rights of the child (Jordan); Source of position: A/HRC/24/12 - Para. 129</td>
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<td>F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - children</td>
<td>Partially implemented: Most efforts have focussed on anti-trafficking of children, but should be extended to other manifestations of sexual exploitation of children as per the pledges made by the Government of Bangladesh in SDG targets 5.2, 8.7 and 16.2.</td>
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