



**Statement by the delegation of Cambodia for UPR of Bhutan
At the 19th Session of the UPR WG of the HRC
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Mr. President,

- 1 First of all, I would like to express my warm welcome to the delegation of Bhutan, led by **H.E. Lyonbo Damcho Dorti**, Minister of Home and Cultural Affairs to the 19th Session of the UPR Working Group and also thank the delegation for its comprehensive National Report.
- 2 Cambodia appreciates the continued efforts and commitments made by the Government of Bhutan in upholding the rule of law, protecting and promoting human rights of every Bhutanese and in strengthening democracy in the country.
- 3 We note that since its first UPR, Bhutan has made very important advances in legal matters pertaining to human rights, especially by adopting several legislations which include Domestic Violence Prevention Act, the Child Care and Protection Act, and the Child Adoption Act.
- 4 We also commend Bhutan for strengthening capacity and awareness on human rights among the populace through workshop, seminars, conferences and social events.
- 5 To conclude, my delegation wishes to make two recommendations for Bhutan:
 - A. To continue its efforts to further reduce poverty, particular in rural areas.
 - B. To undertake campaigns to encourage greater women's participation in politics.

Thank you, Mr. President!