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Statement delivered by Mr. Umair Khalid, Second Secretary (20 March 2023)

Honourable Chairperson,

It is encouraging to note the progress reported by Bangladesh on its timebound roadmap, in terms of legislative and administrative steps, to address the complaint.

We recognize the advances made in four priority areas including; labour law reforms, trade union registrations, labour inspection and enforcement and ratification of ILO instruments.

We note the reaffirmation of continued commitment by the Government of Bangladesh to provide a better and safer workplace for Workers in order to uphold their rights, including collective bargaining, freedom of association and right to strike.

At the same time, we are cognizant of the complexity of challenges. We therefore call upon all parties to amicably address concerns and complaints in the spirit of tripartite cooperation in ILO. We encourage further progress to achieve an early closure of the complaint under Article 26 of the Constitution.

Thank you.