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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of all Member States to the United Nations and with reference to the General Assembly resolution A/60/L.48 has the honour to inform that the Government of Bangladesh has decided to present its candidature for membership of the **Human Rights Council (HRC)** for the term 2006-2008, elections for which will be held on 09 May 2006 during the 60th session of the General Assembly.

The Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, while seeking support for this candidature, has the further honour to highlight the following:

- a. Bangladesh is currently a member of the Commission of Human Rights for the term 2006-2008;
- b. Bangladesh's deep commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights of all its citizens emanates from its constitutional obligation;
- c. Bangladesh has been at the forefront of promotion and protection of all human rights at national, regional and international levels. This has been reflected in Bangladesh's adherence to all major human rights instruments;
- d. Bangladesh has actively and constructively participated in the work of the CHR. During her membership of the Commission from 1983 to 2000, Bangladesh fully cooperated with the Commission in fulfilling its mandate. She underscored the importance of genuine dialogue and cooperation among nations as well as of capacity building of the Member States as essential elements towards promotion and protection of human rights;
- e. As Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Human Rights Commission in 1998, Bangladesh was actively involved in the review process aiming at enhancing the efficiency of the working methods of Commission and rationalize its work;
- f. Bangladesh also hosted several Special Rapporteurs in the recent years in further demonstration of her willingness to cooperate with UN human rights machinery;
- g. At the national level, Bangladesh, a democratic and pluralistic polity, is fully committed to the principles of good governance, democracy, rule of law and promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedom of all her citizens, with particular attention to the rights of women, children and minorities.

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h. If elected to the Council:

- I. Bangladesh would fully cooperate with the Council in its work of promotion and protection of all human rights through dialogue, cooperation and capacity building;
- II. Bangladesh would remain prepared to be reviewed under the universal periodic review mechanism.
- III. Bangladesh would endeavour to further integrate the promotion and protection of human rights into her national development policy with special attention to the rights of women, children, minorities and persons with disabilities;

In view of the above and given the excellent bilateral relations and cooperation between our governments and peoples, the Government of Bangladesh would be grateful for the valuable support of your Governments to the candidature of Bangladesh for election to the Human Rights Council for the term 2006-2008.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of all Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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