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Statement by the Indian Delegation (on behalf of the Asian Group)  
at the concluding session of the Durban Review Conference

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Mr. President,

The delegation of India, in its capacity as regional coordinator for the Asian Group, would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and extend a warm note of appreciation to all whose efforts have culminated in the successful conclusion of the Durban Review Conference. We would, first of all, like to congratulate you, Mr. President, for having presided ably over the Conference over the past week.

We would like to acknowledge the personal commitment and contribution of H.E. Navenethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, in her role as Secretary-General of the Durban Review Conference.

Mr. President,

We extend our sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to H.E. Najjat-al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee, the Bureau and the Main Committee of the Durban Review Conference, without whose perseverance the Conference would not have achieved its desired objectives. We also reserve a special word of appreciation for Mr. Yuri Boichenko, who, in his role as Chairperson of the Inter-Sessional Working Group, displayed masterful ability and exceptional skill in leading the negotiations towards a consensual outcome. We acknowledge the contribution of H.E. Juan Antonio Fernandez of Cuba for his positive contribution as Rapporteur-General of the Durban Review Conference.

Mr. President,

This Conference would not have been a success had it not been for the Secretariat, whose untiring efforts ensured the smooth functioning of the Conference.

We would like to acknowledge the constructive participation of all those Member States that remained committed to the Conference and its objectives till the very end. Finally, we sincerely believe that the Conference has been deeply enriched by the vibrant participation of the civil society, thus ensuring the favourable outcome of the Durban Review Conference and the collective realization of its objectives.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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