



40th SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER GENERAL DEBATE-

ITEM 10

ON BEHALF OF BENEFICIARY DELEGATES OF LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund at HRC40
(BANGLADESH, LESOTHO, MARSHALL ISLANDS, MYANMAR, SAMOA, AND TIMOR

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Mr. President

It instills in me a great pleasure to deliver this statement on behalf of the 6 beneficiaries of the Trust Fund namely; Bangladesh, Lesotho, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Samoa, and Timor Leste. We wish to express gratitude to the President of the council for his warm welcome at the beginning of the session. We also wish to register our appreciation to OHCHR through their regional offices in according technical assistance to states, more particularly the LDCs and SIDS. Further, we warmly welcome the inventiveness of OHCHR for establishing the Trust Fund, without which it would not have been possible for us to gain the level of exposure we have attained through this session. This experience will indeed catapult our human rights careers to greater heights.

We also wish to extend our appreciation to the support of the donor countries that have made the participation of 6 delegates, a success during this present 40th session. All of us are working in the field of human rights, and for the 5 of us, it is our first time to participate in the session of the council and for all of us in the entire session. Our participation in the work of the Council has built our understanding and appreciation of various thematic areas of human rights and this will immensely enhance our work and definitely strengthen the engagement of our respective government with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms.

Mr. President

We, the beneficiaries, welcome the first regional workshop for LDCs and SIDS held in the Caribbean in November 2018 and looking forward for the trust fund to hold workshops for the African and Pacific regions.

We would like to conclude by reiterating our commitment and support to the work of the Human Rights Council and that of OHCHR and once again thank the Member States for Promoting the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the work of the Human Rights Council.

I thank you