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### **35 Years of UN in Bangladesh Marks the Constructive Role of the Nation**

**DHAKA:** The commemoration of the 35 years of United Nations and Bangladesh partnership and the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations, organized today underscored the outstanding contributions of Bangladesh to the United Nations and the relevance of the United Nations in the advancement of a better world for all.

Let me take this opportunity to reaffirm the UN's dedication and full commitment to support Bangladesh in consolidating democracy and the Millennium Development Goals. We stand ready and will do our utmost to respond to the needs of the government and the people of Bangladesh, said Renata Dessallien, UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh marking the significance of the exemplary partnership between the UN and Bangladesh.

On 17 September 1974, the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution admitting Bangladesh into the UN and former Prime Minister, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, addressed the UN General Assembly as the first Prime Minister of Bangladesh. In his speech to the UN General Assembly, the former Prime Minister said: "The noble ideals enshrined in the UN Charter are the very ideals for which millions of our people have made the supreme sacrifice. [ ] The Bengali nation fully commits itself to the building of a world order, in which the aspiration of all men for peace and justice will be realized."

Since then, Bangladesh has remained committed to the commitment and has worked tirelessly with the United Nations to enhance peace, development, democracy, and respect for human rights in all corners of the world.

Bangladesh has demonstrated its deep commitment to international peace and cooperation in many ways. It was Bangladesh that initiated and coordinated the adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action for a Culture of Peace in 1999 at the 54th session of the UN General Assembly. Bangladesh was elected a second time to the UN Security Council for the term 2000-2001 in recognition of the international community's trust and confidence in the country's role in the maintenance of international peace and security. Bangladesh also held the Presidency of the Security Council in March 2000 and in June 2001. During its second Presidency, Bangladesh initiated a debate, presided over by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, on the UN Secretary-General's report on a comprehensive approach to conflict prevention.

In 2007 Bangladesh stepped into its 20th year of promoting global peace through UN Peacekeeping Operations. Bangladesh's cumulative contribution to UN Peacekeeping over the years has made her one of the largest troop contributing country in the world.

Let us re-commit ourselves to the building of a world order, in which the aspiration of all men and women for peace and justice will be realized. We owe this to the millions of people that have already sacrificed for this. We owe this to ourselves. We owe this to our children, said Renata Dessallien,

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