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## PRESS RELEASE

**Bangladesh remains committed to making progress in all spheres of social development**

**New York, 9 October 2007:**

Ms. Ismat Jahan, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations stated that Bangladesh remained committed to making progress in all spheres of social development in line with the Copenhagen objectives and Millennium Development Goals.

She was speaking in a debate on the item "Social Development" in the Third (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday.

The Bangladesh Ambassador called upon the United Nations to renew international efforts to facilitate the free movement of labor services, and stressed on the creation of large-scale overseas employment opportunities for the citizens of the developing countries particularly LDCs. She urged *inter alia* special focus on the situation of 'informal women workers' who remained most vulnerable. She stated that the policies should aim at equitable distribution of economic growth as well as ensuring job security.

She enumerated various measures being adopted in Bangladesh towards poverty eradication and employment growth. She highlighted, among others, Bangladesh's achievements in the micro-credit and self-employment programmes, formal and non-formal education, maternal health and child care, and disability welfare.

The Third Committee will continue to debate on social and human rights issues throughout the current month.

