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## Press Release

### Bangladesh Secures Resounding Victory in ECOSOC Election for the term 2025-2027

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Today, Bangladesh was elected as a member of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of the principal organs of the United Nations, for the term 2025-2027 from the Asia-Pacific region; by securing 181 votes out of 189 votes. The election was held at the UN General Assembly Hall. Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan were the other countries elected from the same region. ECOSOC is also the most important platform of the UN system and for that matter multilateral diplomacy, when it comes to development and social issues.

Under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is making remarkable progress towards achieving Agenda 2030 and the 'Vision 2041: Transforming Bangladesh into a Smart Nation.' Widely regarded as a 'role model' for socio-economic development, Bangladesh's advancements have earned international recognition. Diplomats from various countries at the election venue commented, "This victory is a global acknowledgment of Bangladesh's development success." Indeed, Bangladesh's ongoing successes in international elections in general, and this highly prestigious election in particular, manifest the confidence, trust and appreciation that our nation is receiving from the international community. Only yesterday, Ambassador Muhammad Abdul Muhith, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations was elected as the Chair of the Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee) of the United Nations General Assembly for its 79<sup>th</sup> Session.

The election was conducted under the Presidency of Mr. Dennis Francis, the President of the 78th United Nations General Assembly, through a secret ballot. "This is a recognition of Bangladesh's unique success in achieving sustainable development through innovative means under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina; and a demonstration of the trust and confidence that Bangladesh enjoys in the international arena," said the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN, Ambassador Muhammad A. Muhith, while speaking after the election. Referring to Bangladesh's upcoming graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) status to a developing country in 2026, Ambassador Muhith added, "Membership in ECOSOC will be critical for our smooth and sustainable graduation and expedite our progress towards implementing Agenda 2030."

Membership in ECOSOC will enable Bangladesh to enhance its visibility and efforts, in implementing Agenda 2030 through policy formulation and active participation in various Forums, Commissions, Committees, Executive Boards, and regional platforms like the UN-ESCAP. This would also enable us to share our best developmental practices with the rest of the world, mentioned the Ambassador.

It may be mentioned that Bangladesh is the current President of the Executive Board of the UNDP/UNFPS/UNOPS.

Bangladesh will commence its ECOSOC membership from January 2025.

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