**Committee: Special Political and Decolonization Committee**

**Country: Bulgaria**

**Topic: Governmental Stabilization After the Bangladesh Political Crisis**

**TOPIC BACKGROUND:**

Since the political crisis and the mass protests that happened in 2022 and 2024, things haven’t been the same in Bangladesh. If we were to sum up the whole situation; the people of Bangladesh revolted against the narrow-minded government because of high inflation, power outages, workers’ rights, low minimum wage, the unfair elections and many more issues. Which started an inflict countrywide and caused nearly 650 peoples’ deaths and many mores’ injuries. To understand the roots of this crisis, it is important to look at the political history of Bangladesh.

Since gaining independence in 1971, Bangladesh has gone through several periods of political instability, military coups, and deep divisions between its two main political parties— the Awami League and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). In the last two decades, the Awami League has taken control over the government, completely ignoring the citizens’ needs and requests. But eventually the accusations of corruption and election manipulation have grown stronger. BNP was often claimed that the ruling party restricts freedom of speech and controls the judiciary. These issues, combined with economic struggles and lack of a proper justice system, have created frustration among the citizens which lead them to create an uprising.

Citizens, fed up with decades of injustice, took to the streets in 2023 to demand fair elections and better living conditions—leading to one of the largest protest movements in the country’s history.

**BULGARIA’S TAKE ON THE TOPIC:**

 As a member of EU and a passionate advocate of democracy, The Republic of Bulgaria is deeply concerned about Bangladesh’s current situation. Our policy includes standing behind equality and fairness at all costs. The United Nations has expressed concern over the situation, yet no action has been taken to mediate the conflict or to support democratic reforms in the country—which we hope to change. It is our civic duty to help the Bangladeshi people overcome this ongoing crisis they are going through. We are determined to take meaningful steps to bring this matter to a conclusion that will satisfy the needs of the people.

Bulgaria is committed to support people from all around the world who desire freedom. Therefore, it is significant for us to help the Bangladeshi people in their journey towards becoming a truly independent and democratic nation.

**POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS:**

We want to emphasize that Bulgaria is a lifelong defender of independence, democracy, and peace. We would be glad to ease the burden on Bangladeshi citizens. In order to do this, we firmly recommend creating an **establishment of an UN-led Human Rights Monitoring Mission.** A democratic and independent body to observe human rights conditions, protect civilians, and report violations during the protests. If the countries involved in EU support this idea, many powerful countries would come together to save Bangladesh from the severe political and humanitarian situation. This could provide the country’s’ need of fulfilling their citizens requests and prevent them from getting harmed.

As a country that experienced a mass protest like this before, we encourage the Bangladeshi people to continue advocating for their democratic rights. Their efforts will give results for them to become a democratic nation—just as it did in our country. Our citizens were protesting the prime minister at the time, Boyko Borissov. The main reasons for the protest were the politicization of the judiciary, the corruption of government institutions, and the influence of oligarchs on politics. These protests led to a change in government, and the people’s struggles were rewarded.

We hope that Bangladesh will regain political stability and stand tall again after the struggles they have faced. We believe that political stability in any nation contributes to peace and progress in the global community. We are ready to collaborate with international partners to support Bangladesh, for Bangladeshi citizens to have a more inclusive and democratic future.

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