

Mr. Secretary, Excellency and distinguished colleagues Good morning and *as-salamualikum*

- On behalf of the UN system, it's an honour and great pleasure for me to be present in this workshop and I thank you for this opportunity to share few words.
- By being signatory the Paris Declaration on aid effectiveness, we all have recognized that it provides a practical, time-bound roadmap with specific targets to be met by 2010.
- This is ambitious and an important challenge both to the world of development cooperation and the partner countries.
- Taking stock in between such as this evaluation therefore could only benefit to meet that challenge.
- Since we met in this same place back in August last year, the Government of Bangladesh made **another step forward** toward its commitment to the Paris Declaration implementation.
- Mr Secretary, as you took the decision to participate in the process of evaluation back in August 2007, the process, as I understand has been a massive task ..., commendable efforts have been made by all and **the working group** in particular
 - to establish the governance arrangement of the evaluation, including appointing the national coordinator
 - to refine the TORs to mach the country needs,
 - to commission the evaluation,
 - to find resources, select independent teams using country systems and deploy them on time,
 - to manage the conduct of the evaluation and
 - Finally to use and disseminate findings...
- Mr. Secretary, I **congratulate** your Government's decision to take part in the evaluation, as well as all hard work of your team and the representatives of the development partners and the evaluation team to make the exercise a success.
- As we hear the findings, I am sure the Government and the development partners will collectively explore *how findings will be acted upon internally*.
- In case of learning, ***how will these feed into the knowledge management system in-country,*** and
- how will each of the stakeholder groups involved in commissioning the evaluation use its findings...
- Mr Secretary, UN system together with other partners will continue to support strengthening capacities and your efforts toward that effect...
- Once again I thank you for the invitation to take part in this event.