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Beloved Human Beings,  
Señor Vice-Presidente,  
Excellencies,  
Dear people and authorities of Bangladesh,  
Dear delegation,  
Dear suicide survivors,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Everyone,  
Greetings of lively rights,

I never attempted suicide; came close once and had nagging ideations, suicidal thoughts in two difficult periods of my life. What saved me, most likely, is the firm decision, taken at the age of 26, to live my life as given, in its best longevity. Deciding to live happily came next.

The World Health Organization published a few months ago a policy brief on the “health aspects of decriminalizing suicides”<sup>1</sup>. I add: on the health *benefits* of decriminalizing suicides.

As no State made a peer-to-peer recommendation to see suicides decriminalized in Bangladesh, may I ask to the delegation if it would accept a civil society recommendation to decriminalize suicides?

Life is all so precious.  
Valuing life is the best next step. Helping people to do this valuation, at any time and when facing suicide, is a sign of care, compassion and good governance.

May Bangladesh decriminalize suicides.  
Dear life participants, thank you.

Thank you, Señor Vice-Presidente.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.who.int/news/item/12-09-2023-who-launches-new-resources-on-prevention-and-decriminalization-of-suicide>