

**Statement made by Pakistan during the review of Algeria
during the 13th session of the UPR Working Group, 29 May 2012, Geneva**

Madam President,

Pakistan welcomes the distinguished members of the Algerian delegation to their UPR and thank for his comprehensive update on the latest developments in the field of human rights.

We commend the active and important role of the Algerian delegation in guiding the work of the Council in line with the objectives and principles that were set by the international community at its establishment in 2006.

Pakistan welcomes several significant initiatives that have been introduced by Algeria during the reporting period, in particular the lifting of the state of emergency in 2011. The lifting of the state of emergency played an important role in introducing political and electoral reforms that allowed a number of political parties to contest in the Parliamentary elections held in May 2012. We recommend that Algeria further the on-going reform process in order to consolidate democracy and rule of law.

Madam President,

Algeria continues to actively pursue the implementation of various development plans, which have resulted in significant improvement in the living conditions of the Algerian people. It is encouraging to learn that Algeria has already achieved some of the MDGs and is well placed to achieve the eight goals by the 2015.

During the reporting period, Algeria has also introduced significant constitutional and institutional measures to promote rights of women and children. In particular constitutional amendment to increase women participation in decision making is an important development, which would certainly help women to address their concerns in public policies. We recommend Algeria to continue its efforts to combat violence against women.

In conclusion, Madam President, we wish Algeria success in its endeavors in the promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.

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