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**Statement made by Pakistan during the review of Ecuador
during the 13th session of the UPR Working Group, 21 May 2012, Geneva**

Thank you Madam President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Ecuador to its UPR and congratulates for presenting a comprehensive update on the efforts undertaken by the Government of Ecuador in the domain of human rights.

My delegation would like to commend the efforts of the Ecuadorian delegation in the Human Rights Council to guide the work of the Council on the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, non-politicization, constructive international dialogue and cooperation.

Ecuador's renewed commitment for the promotion and protection of human rights is fully reflected in its detailed constitutional provisions introduced by its leadership while adopting the new Constitution in 2008.

Madam President

We appreciate Ecuador's emphasis on social and economic development for the realization of the fundamental rights of its people. Ecuador has introduced impressive policies in the areas of education, health and housing. We are in particular impressed by the achievements made by the Government to combat poverty and improve the living standards of its people. It is encouraging to note that the objectives of the 2009-2013 National Plan for Good Living are linked to the human rights agenda.

We note that as a pluri-national, multi-cultural and multi-ethnic society, efforts are being made by the Ecuadorian government to promote diversity and eliminate ethnic and cultural exclusion in society. We also commend the efforts of the government for introducing reforms in the media sector, in particular by enhancing radio and television access for the indigenous communities. We recommend Ecuador to continue its efforts to promote diversity in the society by using mass media.

The report indicates that a gender-sensitive budget is made for mainstreaming the gender perspective in all public policies and programs. It sounds impressive and we are interested to know more about this.

In conclusion, Madam President, we wish Ecuador success in their endeavors for the promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.

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