

**Statement made by Pakistan during the review of Morocco  
during the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group, 22 May 2012, Geneva**

Thank you Madam President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Morocco to its UPR and congratulates ..... for presenting a comprehensive update on the efforts undertaken by the Government during the past four years in the field of human rights.

We commend the active role of the Moroccan delegation in the work of the Human Rights Council. The role of the Moroccan government in promoting regional mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights is also commendable.

We appreciate emphasis of the Moroccan government on strengthening the normative and institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. This is evident from the structural reforms undertaken, including the introduction of strategic planning in the field of human rights and the adoption of the National Action Plan for Democracy and Human Rights.

Madam President,

Morocco has adopted a new Constitution and has updated its legislation in order to broaden the scope of political participation and improve the electoral processes. These steps would go a long way in helping the Government to translate aspirations of the people into public policies and programs.

We are pleased to note that the Government has also introduced reforms in the justice system in line with the recommendations made by the civil society and the Equity and Reconciliation Commission. We hope that the reforms would help in strengthening rule of law and promoting human rights.

We take note of the financial and institutional efforts of the Moroccan government to combat poverty and raise the living standards of its people. We recommend that Morocco continue improving the business environment to stimulate job opportunities.

I thank you, Madam President.

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