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**Statement made by Pakistan during the review of the Philippines  
during the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group, 29 May 2012, Geneva**

Madam President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of the Philippines and wishes to thank ..... for providing an update on the latest developments in the field of human rights. <sup>in the Philippines</sup> Over the period of last four years, the Philippines has introduced several laws, policies, programs and projects in the domain of human rights that clearly manifests the political will of the Government to advance human rights agenda.

We note with appreciation the resolve of the government to mainstream human rights as a tool for ensuring good and effective governance. The same resolve is reflected in the second Philippine Human Rights Plan 2012-2017, which is based on the 16-point Social Contract that serves itself a comprehensive guide for the promotion and protection of human rights.

We appreciate the emphasis of the Philippines on advancement of economic, social, and cultural rights in order to create employment, combat poverty and social disparity; thus raising the living standards of its people. We recommend that the Philippines continue strengthening institutional measures to realize economic, social and cultural rights.

Madam President,

We are pleased to learn that the Philippines has enacted a series of legislation during the reporting period for the promotion and protection of women's rights. In particular the "Magna Carta of Women" (*Republic Act 9710*), signed in 2009, is a comprehensive document to safeguard women's rights in all situations. The report indicates that Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act was enacted in 2010. We are interested to learn more about this Act.

The Philippines has introduced speedy, simplified, informal and inexpensive procedures with a view to increase access to justice for poor people. We would appreciate if the delegation could apprise us on the feedback received from litigants about the effectiveness of these procedures.

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

I thank you.

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