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**Statement by Pakistan on the National Report of Argentina
during their UPR 22 October 2012**

Madam President,

Pakistan wishes to welcome the delegation of Argentina to their UPR and congratulate for presenting a national report on the efforts undertaken by the Government to promote and protect the human rights. We have read the national report with interest and found it comprehensive.

We are encouraged to note that the Government of Argentina has enacted a series of new laws and introduced a number of institutional measures in the field of human rights over the past four years. It reflects the commitment of the Government to strengthening the human rights infrastructure in the country. The report refers to Act No. 26.551 that deals with decriminalization of libel and slander in cases involving the public interest. We would like the honorable delegation to inform us more about this Act.

Pakistan appreciates the steps taken by the Government of Argentina for the promotion of social, cultural and economic rights; in particular the advancements made in the fields of health and education are commendable. The report refers to the Prepaid Health-Care Plan Act, which sounds interesting initiative. We would appreciate if the delegation could elaborate the salient provisions of this initiative.

Madam President,

While commending the progressive approach taken by Argentina, we recommend that;

- a) continue to intensify its efforts to achieve MDG Goal 5 by the given deadline,
- b) adopt proactive measures to eliminate discriminatory stereotypes about migrant workers and their families, in political discourse as well as in the media as recommended by the CMW.

In conclusion, we wish Argentina well in its endeavors for the promotion and protection of human rights for its citizens.

I thank you.