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Statement of Algeria read by
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Mme President,

We thank H.E. Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan for this exhaustive update.

The measures such the ratification of additional core human rights instruments and the adoption of important laws designed to provide more protection for women are clear signs of Pakistan's commitment to universal human rights standards.

Development, security and human rights are interlinked issues. In line with our recommendations during the first cycle, we take positive note of the measures being taken by Pakistan to fight terrorism and extremism.

We are confident that Pakistan will be able to overcome the challenges it is facing in different areas through continued political commitment and with the understanding from the partners of its constraints as a developing country.

Committed to constructive dialogue, my delegation would recommend the following :

- 1. Intensifying development programs with a focus on poverty alleviation and food security.**
- 2. Speedy operationalization of the National Commission for Human Rights.**

We wish Pakistan every success in its endeavour to uphold human rights all over the country.

Thank you.