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Remarks by **AZERBAIJAN** UPR-Pakistan

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Madame President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Pakistan and thanks ... for the presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan congratulates Pakistan for the successful political transition and the restoration of democracy in the country and we welcome the measures and reforms taken by the Government on this path.

Since its first UPR, Pakistan has continued the accession to the core human rights instruments, such as ICCPR, CAT and others.

We acknowledge the constructive contribution of Pakistan to the promotion and protection of human rights as one of the founding members of the Human Rights Council. The crucial coordination role of Pakistan within OIC on matters relating to human rights should also be mentioned.

We appreciate the establishment of an independent National Commission for Human Rights in accordance with Paris Principles and recommend Pakistan to further its endeavors with regard to the smooth and productive activity of this entity within the country.

We praise the measures aimed at the promotion of interfaith dialogue and the culture of tolerance, including the creation of the Ministry of National Harmony. We recommend Pakistan to continue its measures on this field.

Finally, the Delegation of Azerbaijan assures once again the Delegation of Pakistan of its full support and cooperation.

Thank you for attention.