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Thank you Madam President,

Brunei Darussalam would like to thank the delegation of Pakistan led by H.E. Ms Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister for Foreign Affairs, for her comprehensive presentation.

Brunei Darussalam congratulates Pakistan on conducting broad and inclusive consultations involving all relevant stakeholders in the preparation of its National Report for this second cycle.

Brunei Darussalam is encouraged by Pakistan's commitment in protecting the rights of its people. We particularly welcome the significant efforts it has made in recent years to protect the rights of women as well as empower women in the area of economic development through various legislative measures and institutional mechanisms. We recommend Pakistan to maintain the momentum in this regard.

Brunei Darussalam also recommends Pakistan to continue strengthening its efforts to improve the socio-economic conditions of its people, especially on promoting the rights to education for all its young citizens.

Finally, we commend Pakistan's contribution towards the promotion and protection of human rights, both regionally and internationally. As a member of the OIC, Brunei Darussalam appreciates Pakistan's active role as coordinator of the OIC Group on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva, and its valuable efforts to facilitate the Group through various initiatives.

Thank you.