

Statement by the Delegation of Cambodia  
at 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPRWG of HRC, for Pakistan, (30 October, 2012)

*Speak by Mr. Bieng Theng, Counselor*

Madame President,

1. The Delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia warmly welcomes the Delegation of Pakistan led by H.E. Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister for Foreign Affairs to this second UPR process.
2. Cambodia takes note with encouragement of the progress achieved and efforts made by the Pakistani Government in the advancement and enacting of law and legislation over recent years, including in the area of human rights. Cambodia welcomes the ratifications by Pakistan of many important International Treaties such as ICESCR (2008), CAT (2010), and to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (2011).
3. Pakistan is a country that has acceded to the most core international Human Rights Treaties which demonstrated the country's commitment to human rights standard. We also encourage the country to incorporate all the treaties into the legislation for an effective implementation.
4. Pakistan has played a leadership role on human rights issue by joining international and regional initiatives such as OIC and SAARC, apart from the UN framework.
5. Cambodia welcomes the adoption of Protection of the Women Act by Pakistan, which criminalises violations of women and girls' human rights. We encourage Pakistan to further enhance its efforts in addressing the remaining challenges ahead for the promotion and protection of Human Rights of her people.

Madame President,

6. Finally, we would like to make the following recommendations to Pakistan:
  - To continue addressing poverty reduction and social inequality through further development and implementation of relevant programs and policies;
  - To continue to spearhead progress toward the promotion of gender equality and development for women, in particular, in areas of education and employment.

Thank you,