

**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan
at the 14th Session of WG of HRC / UPR of Pakistan
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Thank you,

Kazakhstan welcomes distinguished delegation of Pakistan to the 14th UPR Working Group session and thanks for well-crafted National Report and comprehensive presentation today.

First of all we recognize that Pakistan has demonstrated unwavering commitment to human rights protection and promotion during the last years. Successful implementation of recommendations accepted by Pakistan during its first Universal Periodic Review is of no doubt. My delegation welcomes gradual achievements of Pakistan Government in the areas of women, children, religious minorities and refugees' rights as well as access to basic freedoms.

Considering the UPR as a good opportunity to discuss in open manner accomplishments and challenges of human rights in Pakistan, we take note that the Senate of Pakistan unanimously passed the law on establishment of the National Human Rights Commission.

Kazakhstan expresses its respect and support for the efforts of Pakistan in advancing its counter-terrorism strategy and safeguarding its security.

We also take note of the fact that Pakistan has ratified seven of the nine major international human rights treaties up to date. This indicates its strong adherence to international human rights standards.

It is worth mentioning Pakistan's big role in major initiatives to promote dialogue and harmony between different cultures being the coordinator of the OIC Group in Geneva and one of the active participators among the Muslim Ummah countries in the UN human rights mechanisms.

In this regard Kazakhstan appreciates the Pakistani Government's efforts in securing and maintaining human rights by organizing the visit of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Ms. Pillay in June this year.

To this end, our delegation calls on Pakistan to further strengthen its international human rights commitments and wishes long lasting success in cooperation and dialogue with the UN human rights mechanisms.

Thank you.