

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON PAKISTAN ON 30
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(1 min 21s)**

Madam President,

Singapore takes note of the progress Pakistan has made since the previous review in 2008. In particular, we note the legislative and administrative measures which Pakistan has taken over the last four years to promote and protect the human rights of its people, particularly of women and children. ~~These include the passage of the Prevention of Anti-Women Practices (Criminal Law Amendment) Act 2011 to strengthen the protection of women against discrimination and harmful traditional practices, and the recent Acid Control and Acid-Crime Prevention Act in 2012 to outlaw such abhorrent acts.~~ Singapore **recommends** that Pakistan continue to enhance its efforts to protect women, children and other vulnerable groups against discrimination and violence.

Singapore also notes the ongoing challenges faced by Pakistan from terrorism as ~~highlighted in its national report, in particular, on how to deradicalise the youths and to protect them from the influence of radical elements. We also learnt from its report about the various programmes which have been established in Pakistan to provide education and support to children who have been recovered from militants or extremists,~~ ^{including} ~~so as to help them reintegrate into society. We recommend that Pakistan continues to develop and enhance these beneficial programmes.~~ ^{note}

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In conclusion, we join the friends of Pakistan in wishing the country well.