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The United States welcomes [Head of Delegation] and the Pakistani delegation, and thank you for your participation in this important global review.

We have serious concerns about the human rights situation in Pakistan. However, due to the severe time limit placed on interventions for the review of Pakistan, we are unable to provide our comments to you in a thoughtful manner orally. Instead, we will provide them to you in writing at the end of the review and make them public on our Mission website and the U.S. State Department site, HumanRights.gov.

Bearing in mind the concerns that we have for conditions in Pakistan, the United States makes the following recommendations:

1. Halt operations aimed at silencing dissent in Balochistan (*pronounced Ba-lw-chi-stan*), and ensure laws are fully and equally enforced to investigate and prosecute those responsible for torture, enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings, nationwide.
2. Hold accountable those who commit religiously motivated acts of violence, Reform laws that can be used to justify discrimination on the basis of religion and provide full rights and protection to all citizens, especially the Shi'a, Ahmadi, and members of other religious minorities.
3. Provide adequate resources to the National Human Rights Commission, and appoint independent, credible commissioners.

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