



UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Thank you Madam President

Uganda welcomes the delegation of Pakistan led by H.E the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, and congratulates the Government of Pakistan on the presentation of its national report as well as on the inclusive process adopted during the preparation of the said National Report.

Uganda appreciates the ratification of vital International Instruments such as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; Convention against Torture; Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

Further, we commend the Government's efforts in legislative reforms. We note in particular, laws on promoting and protecting rights of women, such as the Prevention of Anti-Women Practices Act; Acid Control and Acid Crime Prevention Act; and the Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill.

We also note the establishment of the National Commission for Human Rights in compliance with the Paris Principles.

Uganda further appreciates Pakistan's efforts in strengthening the following:-

1. The National Commission on Status of Women
2. The National Commission on Child Welfare and Development
3. The National Commission on Minorities
4. The Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances

We recommend and encourage the Government of Pakistan to continue providing and improving human rights education and training for judicial and law enforcement officials.

Thank You.