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**Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Burundi**  
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**Mr. President,**

*National* I would like to welcome H.E. Mrs. Clotilde Niragira, Minister of Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender of Burundi for presenting the human rights situation.

It is really encouraging to note that Burundi has shown progress in implementation of recommendations as agreed in its first Universal Periodic Review. The Establishment of the Independent National Human Rights Commission, organization of the institution of Ombudsman and creation of a specialized unit for the protection of minors and women are the positive developments and also reflect the manifestation of Burundi's commitment to protect and promote the human rights of its people.

**Mr. President,**

Acknowledging the fact that Burundi is a post-crisis country, we cannot ignore the number of challenges and obstacles, faced by the Government of Burundi in implementing the human rights obligations. Ratification of core human rights instruments and required national legislation to meet the international obligations would indeed require resources as well as technical expertise.

We hope that the Government of Burundi would fulfill its human rights obligations and the international community would stand ready to provide requisite support.

**Mr. President,**

We would like to make the following recommendations:

1. to further strengthen the Independent National Human Rights Commission through provision of required resources.
2. to accelerate efforts for establishment of Truth and Reconciliation Commission.