

**Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of UAE**  
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**Mr. President**

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I would like to thank H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for highlighting the efforts of his Government to promote and protect human rights of its people.

The establishment of the standing committee to follow up on the 1<sup>st</sup> UPR and preparation of national plan to fulfill national obligations reflect the commitment of the UAE to fulfill human rights obligations.

**Mr. President,**

Pakistan appreciates the UAE Government's efforts for honoring its voluntary pledges through accession to the Convention against Torture and UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We have also taken note of the domestic legislations concerning adoption of the manual on general standards for shared housing for workers as well as care for children of unknown parentage.

**Mr. President,**

In conclusion, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- i. To enhance ongoing efforts to strengthen the protection of foreign workers, so as to ensure the continuous improvement of working and housing conditions while continuously monitoring labor law violations.
- ii. To continue to intensify cooperation with civil society organizations in order to debate on human rights issues and coordinate their follow-up and implementation on the ground.

We wish the UAE success in its future endeavors.