

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

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Canada led by ..... for presenting the national report.

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Reports indicate that earning gap between immigrants and Canadian born citizens has widened. The increased unemployment and poverty rate among immigrant communities is a manifestation of racial discrimination.

We share the concern of the Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) on Canada's refusal to introduce into its legislation a specific offence to criminalize and punish acts of racist violence. The Independent Expert on Minority Issues has also referred to reported cases by the Muslims and Arab communities where they were being targeted, profiled and harassed in the post 9/11 period.

The Committee against Torture has recommended to Canada that the detention of terrorist suspects be imposed in the framework of criminal procedure and in accordance with the corresponding safeguard of international law.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- Take steps to reduce poverty among immigrants through provision of employment opportunities;
- Introduce legislations to criminalize the acts of violence on the basis of race and religion.
- Take measures to prohibit targeting, profiling and harassment of Muslims
- Ensure that its counter-terrorism efforts are in compliance with international human rights obligations.