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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Colombia
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Mr. President,

I would like to thank Vice President of Colombia, H.E. Mr. Angelino Garzon for presenting the national report.

We appreciate the comprehensive follow-up actions taken by the Government of Colombia after its first UPR in 2008. The continuous engagement with all the stakeholders as well as with the international community including with the OHCHR is the reflection of the Colombian Government's commitment to protect and promote human rights of its people.

Mr. President,

The Government of Colombia has taken a number of steps to end the culture of impunity for human rights violations including the establishment of a special registration unit in the Office of the Attorney General. This step should be acknowledged.

We welcome efforts by the Government of Colombia to start the dialogue process with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and hope that the road map would ultimately lead to an agreement ending the armed conflict.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- to continue efforts through dialogue with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia to reach an agreement to end the armed conflict;
- take necessary steps to incorporate elements of human rights education in the training of law enforcement agencies,