

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

Let me at the outset thank the German delegation ~~_____~~ for presenting the national report.

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The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights has expressed concern that the persons with a migration background faced obstacles in the enjoyment of their rights to employment.

There are also reports that Muslim communities in Germany face difficulties in areas of employment and housing. This problem is further exacerbated for Muslim women due to the use of the headscarf. The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance has recommended a review of existing legislation that prohibits the wearing of religious symbols by public school teachers and also referred to the discriminatory effect on Muslim women.

We share concern of the Committee against Torture over lack of investigation as well as cooperation with the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry into alleged involvement of Germany in extraordinary rendition and secret detention of terrorist suspects.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to make the following recommendation to the Government of Germany:

- Take necessary measures to enforce anti-racist laws in the labor market.
- Take steps to stop prohibition on wearing of religious symbols including headscarf.
- Ensure that its counter-terrorism efforts are in compliance with international human rights obligations.