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**Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Senegal**  
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My delegation thanks the delegation of Senegal, led by H.E. ----- for presenting the national report.

We appreciate the efforts of the Government of Senegal for the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms of its people, which is well reflected through ratification of international human rights instruments and robust legislative measures.

**Mr. President,**

The government of Senegal has taken number of measures in the field of human rights such as establishment of national observatory on gender parity, Human Rights directorate as well as National Human Rights Advisory Council. These steps demonstrate a proactive approach with regard to protection of human rights.

We commend the efforts of the government of Senegal to combat violence against women and to enhance their participation in elected bodies and government institutions. The representation of 65 women representatives in new National Assembly of total 150 members should be acknowledged.

We have also taken positive note of all the efforts in socio-economic development in particular provision of health services, poverty eradication, and access to education and safe drinking water. We wish success to the government of Senegal in its endeavors through effective implementation of National Strategy for Economic and Social Development 2013-2017.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- Continue the practice of constructive engagement by the country with relevant international human rights mechanisms.
- Take measures aimed at further strengthening of national human rights institutions.