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

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Slovakia and thanks them for presenting a detailed second national report.

We commend the government of Slovakia for implementing most of the recommendations that were received during its first cycle of UPR. Slovakia has taken number of steps such as ratification of international covenants and legislative measures at national level to meet its international human rights obligations.

We appreciate the efforts of the Government of Slovakia to prepare a national strategy for the promotion and protection of human rights. We wish success for is early adoption and implementation.

In conclusion, I would like to make the following recommendations:

- continue with its efforts for the establishment of independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris principles;
- take measures to effectively implement the prohibition of discrimination enshrined in the Anti-Discrimination Act;
- ensure the effective legal protection for victims of discrimination;