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

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Uruguay and conveys appreciation for presenting a detailed second UPR report.

We are encouraged to note that the government of Uruguay has implemented number of recommendations that were received during its first cycle of UPR. However, we urge the government of Uruguay to take necessary punitive measures to ensure progress in areas of access to justice and eliminating racial discrimination.

My delegation shares the concern of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) with regard to unequal treatment to the people of African descent and especially women and children of African descent due to discriminatory socio-economic policies.

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

- expedite process for preparation and adoption of national Action Plan in areas of health and education for equal access to children of African descent;
- take necessary measures to prohibit racial discrimination and adopt a comprehensive anti-discriminatory law;