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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Bhutan (19th Session of the Working Group on UPR) 30 April 2014

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Bhutan led by for the presentation of its 2nd national report on UPR.

We appreciate the steps taken by Bhutan for the protection and promotion of human rights, in particular to implement the majority of recommendations received during the 1st cycle of the UPR.

We commend the legislation passed by Parliament of Bhutan for the advancement of human rights, i.e., Disaster Management Act 2013, Domestic Violence Prevention Act 2013, The Child Care and Protection Act 2011, The Penal Code(Amendment) Act 2011, The Civil and Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Act 2011, among others.

We would also like to appreciate measures taken by the Government of Bhutan for environment conservation. It is encouraging to note that the government of Bhutan has long placed environmental conservation at the core of its development strategy which has a direct bearing on the economic rights of people. We would like to make the following recommendations:

- continue with its efforts to implement its international human rights obligations;
- continue to strengthen its efforts for environmental conservation, which contributes significantly to global efforts to safeguard the common heritage of mankind.

I thank you.