

**Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Brunei Darussalam
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Brunei Darussalam led by H.E. Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade for presenting a comprehensive national UPR report. We commend the consultative process for the preparation of this report as well as the establishment of inter-agency consultative mechanism for the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

We appreciate the commitment of Brunei Darussalam for the protection and promotion of human rights through number of national legislations and action plans including the 10th National Development Plan (2012-2017). This Plan would certainly foster economic growth and will help in realization of political, social, economic and cultural rights as well as development goals.

We commend the inclusion of women in the Legislative Council and acknowledge efforts for the social uplift of women by prioritizing the rights of women in its social action plan as well as strengthening of the institution of family.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to recommend the following:

- Continue to promote just and fair implementation of Syariah Law/Syariah Penal Code through adequate training and capacity building; and
- Continue to ensure the fulfillment of the necessities of the vulnerable groups in Brunei Darussalam and in this regard, also continue to uphold its commitments to the relevant international human rights instruments to which Brunei Darussalam is a party.

We wish Brunei Darussalam a successful review

I thank you.