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

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Nicaragua and thanks them for presenting a second national UPR report. We commend the comprehensive process of consultations for preparation of this report.

We appreciate the efforts of Nicaragua to reduce extreme poverty and improvement of socio-economic indicators in the country. The adoption of the National Human Development Plan 2013–2017 that includes wide range of guidelines to ensure socio-economic stability through addressing development challenges is indeed a significant step.

The government of Nicaragua has taken important steps in the areas of access to education and provision of health services through enhancement of budget for education by 35 per cent and extension of national health coverage including increase in the number of health facilities.

We also commend efforts to protect women rights and combat violence against women through adoption of Comprehensive Act against Violence towards Women and the reform of the Criminal Code.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

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- continue with its efforts for the improvement of social-economic indicators through elimination of poverty and provision of better employment opportunities for its citizens;
- take steps to further strengthen the framework for protection of family rights including early adoption and implementation of Family Code.