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

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

We appreciate the steps taken by Norway for the protection and promotion of human rights in the last 4 years. It is indeed encouraging to note that Norway has made efforts to implement recommendations received during the 1st cycle of the UPR.

For the advancement of protection and promotion of human rights in Norway, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Withdraw its Declaration from Article 12 and 14 of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD);
2. Ensure protection against all forms of discrimination by incorporating in its laws principle of equality in accordance with CEDAW, ICERD and CRPD;
3. Address concerns regarding discrimination against minorities including Roma people and to develop a comprehensive strategy to combat hate speech, including measures to effectively investigate and prosecute such offenses;

I thank you.