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

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Qatar and thanks H.E. Sheikh Mohammad bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, Minister's Assistant for International Cooperation affairs for detailed presentation of second national UPR report.

The government of Qatar has taken number of important legislative and administrative measures to implement its commitments to protect and promote human rights in the country that includes Human Trafficking Act, Criminal Code as well as Health and Education Fund Act. We appreciate the government for incorporating number of key socio-economic indicators in Qatar National Vision 2030 and National Development Strategy 2011-2016.

We have also taken positive note of efforts with regard to protection of women rights, rights of migrant worker and to combat domestic violence.

We commend the cooperation extended by the government of Qatar to international human rights machinery including Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council. We also support Qatar's engagement and cooperation with international community to meet development challenges through bilateral as well as through multilateral channels.

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

- Continue with its practice to spread human rights awareness throughout the country;
- continue with efforts to fight against human trafficking;
- take necessary measures and steps to improve legislation on the right to health and ensure access for all persons to health services without discrimination.