

Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Iraq
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My delegation welcomes the delegation of Iraq and thanks H.E. Dr. Abdulkareem Al-Janabi, Deputy Minister of Human Rights for detailed presentation of Iraq's second national UPR report. We also commend the broad ranging consultative processes for the preparation of this report.

Considering the severe security and law and order challenges being faced by the government of Iraq, we acknowledge the commitment and resolve of the Iraqi government to protect and promote the human rights of its people. This commitment is well reflected through Iraq's accession to a number of international human rights instruments as well as adoption of necessary legislative and administrative measures.

We have also taken positive note of the creation of High Commission for the Protection of Family as well as adoption of the National Strategy to Combat Violence against Women. We believe these efforts would help in eliminating discrimination against women and reducing gender disparities in the society.

In conclusion, we would like to make the following recommendations:

- continue its practice of further strengthening the national human rights institution;
- take necessary measures to integrating human rights programme in curricula;
- continue to support literacy programme for eradication of illiteracy;
- take necessary steps for capacity building of employees in human rights field

I thank you.

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