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

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Slovenia and thanks them for presenting a detailed second national report.

We appreciate the efforts of Slovenia to ensure the protection and promotion of human rights of its diverse population. However, further efforts are required to address the issue of discrimination against religious and ethnic minorities including their access to health and education as well as prevention of torture by law enforcement agencies.

We share the concerns raised by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination that very few acts of racial discrimination had been prosecuted. In order to ensure effective protection against the racially motivated acts, we recommend Slovenia to take necessary steps for criminalization of all acts of intolerance and hate speech.

We also recommend the adoption of non-discriminatory policies with regard to realization of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of all ethnic and religious communities without any discrimination.

I thank you.