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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Spain

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Mr. President,

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

We appreciate the steps taken by Spain for the protection and promotion of human rights in the last 4 years. It is indeed encouraging to note that Spain 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 Spain, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Provide full access to justice to people belonging to racial and religious minorities and to combat racial and religious profiling and to strengthen anti-discrimination legislation through the adoption of a comprehensive law on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerances which addresses hate speech and includes measures to effectively investigate and prosecute such offenses;
2. To introduce reforms to protect economic, social and cultural rights including the right to development and eradicate poverty, tackle unemployment and social inequalities; and
3. To abolish use of incommunicado detention and torture and ensure that all suspects in police custody have prompt access to a lawyer at the outset of detention.

I thank you.