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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Belarus

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Mr. President,

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

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

We commend the ongoing national legislation for strengthening protection of human rights as well as ratification of international human rights instruments including decision to ratify Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We believe that the Trafficking in Persons Act of 7 January 2012, Presidential Decree on Improving the Judicial System of the Republic of Belarus, No. 6 of 29 November 2013, National Plan of Action to Improve the Situation and Protect the Rights of Children for the period 2012–2016, among others, would further contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights in the country. We

also appreciate Belarus's continued constructive engagement with OHCHR including the Treaty Bodies.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to recommend the following:

1. Continue to implement national gender equality policy framework developed in 2012; and
2. Continue to further improve the quality of school education for children.

I thank you.