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Statement by Pakistan for UPR of Australia

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Mr. President

We would like to thank the Australian delegation for presentation of Australia's national report on UPR and commend Australia's progress since its last review including implantation of various bills to safeguard human rights.

However, we note with concern the increasing incidents of violence against women, ethnic and gender-based discrimination, the problems faced by immigrants, inadequate and unhygienic detention camps for asylum seekers and refugees, growing poverty and homelessness especially of women, elderly and children.

We recommend:

- implementation of Workplace Gender Equality Act 2013, in letter and spirit, to create socio-economic gender parity,
- that incidents of violence against women and children are thoroughly investigated and perpetrators of violence are brought to justice.
- To protect rights of Migrants and eliminate unfair treatment of migrant workers, and ensure their integration in the society,
- to ensure refugee/ asylum-seekers get their rights,

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- We also urge Australia to ensure that counter-terrorism laws do not in any way infringe on human rights.

We once again thank the Australian delegation for a comprehensive presentation.

I thank you.