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**Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Myanmar
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Mr. President,

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

Pakistan appreciates democratic, political and socio-economic reforms introduced by Myanmar in the last four years. We commend the enactment of legislations for strengthening of national institutions for protection of human rights as well as ratification of international human rights instruments, including Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We also acknowledge a number of challenges being faced by the government of Myanmar to ensure socio-cultural harmony in the society. We wish success in overcoming these challenges.

Pakistan believes that strengthening of Myanmar's National Human Rights Commission and National Social Protection Strategy would help the government in implementing its human rights obligations. We consider that the establishment of Interfaith Friendship Group is an important step and would certainly contribute to overcome cultural and religious differences.

We will make the following recommendations:

1. Continue to take steps to enhance women empowerment;
2. Protect and promote rights of all minorities including Muslims.

Thank you