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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Belgium

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Mr. President,

We thank the delegation of Belgium for the presentation of its second national report on UPR.

We take note with appreciation of the progress made by Belgium to implement recommendations received during the first cycle of the UPR.

We commend the ongoing national legislation and reforms in various sectors for strengthening protection of human rights. We believe that the Strategy of Gender Mainstreaming, Inclusive Education, Plan to Combat Poverty and promotion of human rights education, among others will further strengthen promotion and protection of human rights.

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

1. Establish national human rights institution in accordance with Paris Principles; and
2. Prosecute perpetrators of xenophobic and hate crimes.

I thank you.