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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Seychelles

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Mr. President,

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

We take note with appreciation of Seychelles' efforts to implement recommendations received during the first cycle of the UPR by ratifying and signing important Conventions for protection of rights of children and enacting laws and regulations to allow better implementation of human rights such as, 'Seychelles Broadcasting Cooperation (SBC) Act' of 2011, 'Tertiary Education Act, 2011', 'Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2014', and 'Local Government Act 2015'.

We commend the measures to strengthen the National Human Rights Commission and Ombudsman Office, measures taken to strengthen legal and judicial systems, human rights awareness programs for right to education, gender equality, rights of women such as 'National Action Plan for Gender Based Violence', rights for persons with disabilities, right to health, rights of all migrant workers and members of their families within its territory, and to end human trafficking, and projects to mitigate the effects of climate change in Seychelles etc.

My delegation would like to recommend the following:

1. To continue taking measures to increase the participation of women in all social and economic spheres of Seychelles, and

continue implementing regulations to end all forms of discrimination against them;

2. Continue to enact specific legislation to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
3. Continue to implement laws and regulations for protection and promotion of rights of people with disabilities; and
4. Continue to implement policies for development of its people under SDGs.

We wish Seychelles a successful review.

I thank you.