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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Antigua and Barbuda

(25th Session of the Working Group on UPR)

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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda led by ... for the presentation of its 2nd national report on UPR.

We take note with appreciation of the steps taken by Antigua and Barbuda for the promotion and protection of human rights in the last four years. It is encouraging to note that it has made concerted efforts to implement majority of the recommendations received during the first cycle of the UPR.

We commend the ongoing national legislation as well as ratification of human rights instruments. We believe that The Trafficking in Person (Amendment) Act 2015, The Migrant Smuggling (Amendment) Act 2015, The Child Justice Bill 2015 and The Domestic Violence Bill 2015, among others, would further contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to recommend:

1. Continue to promote and protect rights of children; and
2. Continue to promote women empowerment.

I thank you.