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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Ireland
(25th Session of the Working Group on UPR)

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Mr. President,

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

We appreciate the steps taken by Ireland to implement recommendations received during the first cycle of the UPR.

We commend the legislation as well as policies adopted in the last 4 years, including among others, New National Disability Inclusion Strategy (2016-2019), Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill 2015, Amendment to the Criminal Law (Human Trafficking) Act 2013 and Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2016-2021. We welcome the establishment of Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) as well as Court of Appeal in 2014.

In addition, we note with encouragement Ireland's cooperation with the mechanisms of the HRC including Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies. In conclusion, my delegation would like to recommend:

1. Continue to make efforts to ensure women's participation in political life and in decision making;
2. Ratify Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
3. Combat hate speech and Prosecute perpetrators of xenophobic acts.

I thank you.