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**Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Saint Vincent and the  
Grenadines  
(25th Session of the Working Group on UPR)  
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines led by H.E. ... for the presentation of 2nd national report on UPR.

It is encouraging to note that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has made concerted efforts to implement majority of the recommendations received during the 1st cycle of the UPR.

We appreciate the ongoing national legislation for strengthening protection of human rights as well as accession of international human rights instruments including, among others, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict March 29, 2011; International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance March 29, 2010; Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities October 29, 2010; International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families October 29, 2010; Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities October 29, 2010; and Social Security Minimum Standards Convention 1952 November 25, 2015. We believe that the Children (Care and Adoption) Act 2011, National Action Plan to end gender-based violence and Domestic Violence (DV) Act, 2015 would further contribute to the protection and promotion of rights of children and women.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue to improve access to education through various programs and initiatives;

2. Continue to promote women empowerment.

I thank you.