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Statement by Pakistan for UPR of Lithuania

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Mr. President

We thank the delegation of Lithuania for presentation of their national report on UPR.

My delegation takes note with appreciation of the progress made by Lithuania in follow up to the first cycle of UPR including accepting recommendations, their implementation and follow up. We note with appreciation the developments regarding rights of women, rights of child and of persons with disabilities.

My delegation also appreciates the efforts by the Lithuanian government to ensure the protection of children and women especially from domestic violence and abuse, and measures to integrate the Roma minority into mainstream social and economic spheres of the country.

Mr. President,

Though we appreciate the efforts of the government we also took note of some concerns, including increase in hate crimes, cases of child sexual abuse and human trafficking, and domestic violence. In this regard we would like to recommend Lithuania:

1. to ensure effective implementation of its laws on anti-discrimination against women and minorities and to take effective measures to ensure protection of migrants, refugees and minorities against racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and hate crimes,
2. To continue to ensure women’s equal participation in economic sector, equal opportunities for career advancement, equal pay as men and by providing sufficient opportunities to reconcile work and family obligations;

We, once again, thank the delegation of Lithuania for a comprehensive presentation of the National Report and wish them success.

I thank you.