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**Statement by India during Interactive Dialogue at 4th UPR of Colombia during the 44th Session of Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group (6-17 November 2023) delivered by Mr.K.S.Mohammed Hussain, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva on 7 November 2023**

Thankyou Mr. Vice President,

We welcome the delegation of Colombia and thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. We commend one of the key pledges of the Government to build “Total Peace”, pursuing an international agenda centred on fighting the climate emergency, securing peace and guaranteeing the dignity of human life.

3. We also commend Colombia’s commitment to fulfil the mandates deriving from a truly democratic society focused on protecting life, diversity and equality.

4. We appreciate Colombia’s commitment to maintain a just and participatory form of government characterized by separation and independence of powers.

5. We take note of the National Development Plan for the period 2022–2026, entitled “Colombia, a World Power for Life”, with the goals and plans for redoubling of efforts to guarantee individual and collective rights and transform Colombia into a leader and example in the protection of life, liberty, and peace with a special focus on individuals and their identity, land and natural resources. We wish Colombia success in all its endeavours.

I thank you.