**National Statement delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during the 4th UPR Review of the Dominican Republic**

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 Mr. Vice-President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of the Dominican Republic and thank it for the presentation of its 4th UPR report.

Recognizing the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we appreciate the Dominican Republic for its continued engagement with the UN human rights machinery and the several measures taken by the Government to promote and protect the rights of its citizens.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we have the following recommendations:

* Continue measures to eradicate violence against women and children; and
* Expand of projects to improve good governance and combat corruption.

We wish the Dominican Republic a successful review. I thank you.