**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during the 4th UPR Review of New Zealand**

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Mr. President,

We welcome and thank the delegation of New Zealand and deeply commend the steps taken by it for combating racism, racial discrimination and for protecting the rights of minority communities; particularly, to combat Islamophobia.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend the following:

* Continue taking steps to promote interfaith harmony; and
* Lend support to HRC initiatives for realization of social, economic and cultural rights including the right to development.

I thank you!