

STATEMENT

**Universal Periodic Review 28th Session. Review of Pakistan.**

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Norway thanks the delegation of Pakistan for their presentation.

Norway welcomes Pakistan’s enactment of domestic legislation seeking to enshrine fundamental human rights and the establishment of the National Commission for Human Rights.

Norway **recommends** that Pakistan reinstate the moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing it.

Religious minorities, journalists and human rights defenders, and in particular women among them, are subjected regularly to violence, despite constitutional guarantees. Norway **recommends** that Pakistan investigate all reports of violence against religious minorities and bring those responsible to justice.

Norway **recommends** that Pakistan investigate all reports of attacks on journalists and human rights defenders and bring perpetrators to justice.

A reported 25 million children lack access to education in Pakistan. Norway **recommends** that Pakistan implement federal and provincial laws on the right to education to ensure universal access.

Thank you.