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**Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on Pakistan**

*Delivered by Ambassador Veronika Bard*

*Geneva, 13 November 2017 (speaking time 1.05)*

Mr President,

Sweden wishes to welcome the delegation of Pakistan and extends its thanks for the report and the presentation. Sweden recommends the Government of Pakistan to:

1. **enact legislation on domestic violence in all provinces.**
2. **ensure effective and monitored enforcement of existing federal and provincial legislation related to violence against women.**
3. **prevent impunity for crimes against journalists and media workers.**
4. **provide updated information regarding the judicial status of cases of murdered journalists to the UNESCO Director-General’s Report on the Safety of Journalists and the Danger of Impunity**
5. **reinstate the moratorium on the death penalty, as a first step towards complete abolition and accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.**

I thank you Mr President.