**Intervention of Slovenia**

**Review of Pakistan**

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Mr President,

Slovenia wishes to thank the Delegation of Pakistan for their national report, its presentation today and expressed commitment to the UPR process.

While taking note of the gradual progress in the field of protection and promotion of human rights since the second UPR round and while acknowledging the security challenges faced by Pakistan, Slovenia would like to recommend to Pakistan to strengthen the reform process of the criminal justice system in accordance with international standards, particularly regarding the right to fair trial, right to appeal to civilian courts and the right to a public hearing, and to abrogate the jurisdiction of the military courts over civilian cases in terrorism-related offences.

Slovenia would also like to recommend to Pakistan to effectively and stringently implement legislation criminalizing violence against women and domestic violence, including marital rape, and to improve data collection mechanism on violence against women.

Lastly, taking into account that education is the key for a prosperous future of every individual, Slovenia notes with appreciation the launching of several initiatives to improve the access to education to all boys and girls in Pakistan, including the National Curriculum Council's intentions to reform the school curriculum by including cross cutting themes such as tolerance, human rights and democracy.

Thank you!