**National Statement by Pakistan during the 3rd UPR Review of Saint Vincent and Grenadines**

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**Madam President,**

 We thank Saint Vincent and Grenadines for presentation of its 3rd UPR report and commend its cooperation with human rights mechanisms.

Despite socio-economic impacts arising from the COVID pandemic and climate change, we appreciate the commitment of the government and people of Saint Vincent and Grenadines to counter these challenges.

While noting the efforts made in promoting the enjoyment of human rights, we recognize the economic and financial constraints faced by Saint Vincent and Grenadines as a small island developing state to make the required investments in education, employment, social protection and climate resilience.

We recommend Saint Vincent and Grenadines to:

1. Seek international assistance and support in mitigating the adverse effects of climate change and natural disasters.
2. Continue with efforts to deal with COVID induced socio-economic challenges, strengthen social protection system and tap into financing opportunities for progress towards achieving SDGs.

I thank you.