**National Statement by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan**

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**Mr. President,**

We thank the Executive Vice President of Venezuela for the presentation of 3rd UPR report. We commend Venezuela’s engagement with the human rights machinery, as also acknowledged by the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

We share concerns expressed by the High Commissioner and Special Procedures over the socio-economic, humanitarian and human rights impacts of extraterritorial sanctions on the Venezuelan people. We appreciate Venezuela’s efforts to align its human rights framework with international obligations to promote reconciliation, combat inequality and in ensuring access to basic services.

We recommend Venezuela to continue:

1. Pursuing national reconciliation as a means to advance the realization of human rights.
2. Prioritizing human rights education and training of State security forces in line with international best practices.
3. Seeking international assistance to secure essential supplies of food, medicine and electricity.

I thank you.