**National Statement, delivered by Third Secretary, Danyal Hasnain, during the 4th UPR Review of The Philippines**

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Mr. President,

We thank and welcome the delegation of the Philippines for presentation of its 4th UPR report and commend its cooperation with the UPR mechanism.

We recognize the legislative, administrative and policy measures, especially the enactment of the Filipino Sign Language Act 2018, National Climate Risk Management Framework 2019, Nutritious Food for the Filipino Child Act 2018 and steps taken to protect the land possession and ownership rights of the indigenous peoples.

We recommend the following:

* Continued measures to eradicate violence against women, children and vulnerable groups;
* Expansion of projects to tackle the negative impacts of climate change, especially for the most risk-prone communities; and
* Further reinforce steps taken for integration of drug addicts into the society and strengthen the campaign to address the proliferation of illegal drugs.

We wish the Philippines a successful UPR.

I thank you!