**National Statement, delivered by Deputy Permanent Representative, Amb. Zaman Mehdi, during the Adoption of Pakistan’s UPR Report**

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Mr. President,

Members of the Troika,

Excellencies and

Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the delegation of Pakistan, I thank the Member and Observer States for their participation in our Universal Periodic Review. It is encouraging that 122 Member States participated in our review; and 11 States helped through the process by transmitting their advance questions to us. As a member of the Council, Pakistan’s commitment to the UPR process has been steadfast.

Pakistan’s National Report and the statements made during the review highlighted the key legislative, policy and institutional initiatives taken by the Government of Pakistan for advancing the enjoyment of human rights by our people. They are a testament to the government’s abiding commitment to meet its human rights obligations and create a conducive environment for enjoyment of human rights by all.

The exchange of views and inputs from the Member and Observer States were in depth and substantive. We have benefitted from this dialogue. I also avail this opportunity to thank all relevant stakeholders in Pakistan for their contribution to our UPR process.

This was Pakistan’s 4th UPR and we believe that the process has enriched Pakistan’s national efforts at promotion of human rights.

Pakistan is committed to promotion of human rights through dialogue and international cooperation. In this spirit, we value all constructive observations and recommendations

Distinguished delegates,

Within the constraints of time, our delegation tried to respond to questions and comments received from other delegations. We endeavored to cover all themes and ideas raised from the floor.

Before I conclude, **Mr. President**, I would like to thank you for your able stewardship of this session and your team for the hard work. I appreciate the Secretariat’s efforts and the cooperation extended to us throughout the review process. I also thank the interpreters of the Council for their contribution. Lastly, but most importantly, I would also like to avail this opportunity to thank the members of Troika – Argentina, Nepal and the Gambia – for facilitating our review process and providing us with great cooperation and help.

I thank you all.