Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR42 – Pakistan

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Thank you Mr. President,

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of Pakistan and thanks it for its National Report.

We were deeply distressed by the devastating floods that affected 33 million people. We stand in solidarity and support all those who suffered.

Lithuania welcomes Pakistan’s de facto moratorium on the death penalty as the first step towards complete abolition. We positively note legislative reforms, aimed at promotion and protection of human rights.

Lithuania recommends the following:

* One, consider reviewing anti-terrorism legislation that restrict freedoms of expression, association and assembly, and unduly infringe work of journalists and human rights defenders;
* Two, enact legislation on domestic violence at the federal level and devote required resources for meaningful promotion and protection of women’s rights;
* Three, allocate necessary resources to ensure accessibility of public education particularly in rural and remote areas.

Lithuania wishes Pakistan a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.