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

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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Republic of Korea and thank it for presentation of its 4th UPR report.

We commend Republic of Korea’s cooperation with the UN Special Procedures, the UPR mechanism and other human rights mechanisms.

We welcome measures taken to further the human rights agenda, especially through the enactment of Prevention of Human Trafficking and the Protection of Victims Act, the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights 2018 and the Punishment of Crimes of Domestic Violence Act.

We have the following recommendations:

* Enhance measures to strengthen mechanisms guaranteeing better protection of rights of vulnerable groups by expanding the social safety net;
* Further reinforce the institutional framework to tackle the menace of human trafficking; and
* Continue taking measures to protect the rights of migrant workers.

I thank you!