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**30thsession of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Canada**

**Statement by Pakistan**

**(May 11, 2018)**

Mr. President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Canada and thanks them for presentation of their national report and for implementing recommendations received during the previous UPR. However a number of issues still need to be addressed including racial profiling by police, security agencies, and other authorities, racial discrimination in earnings, and lack of legislation to criminalize racist violence. Anti-Muslim and anti-Semitic incidents across Canada and all other religion and ethnicity based hate crimes are also worrying.

My delegation would recommend Canada to:

1. Introduce legislations for banning any organization that incites racial discrimination
2. Criminalize acts of violence on the basis of race and religion.
3. Take measures to prohibit targeting, profiling and harassment of Muslims by its police, security agencies, and other authorities
4. Adopt and implement policy measures to protect the rights of the immigrants and the peoples of the First nations especially women
5. Take steps to reduce the employment gap among immigrants by provision of employment opportunities without discrimination

We wish the Government of Canada a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.