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**31st session of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Senegal**

**Statement by Pakistan**

**(November 5, 2018)**

Mr. President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Senegal and thanks the head of delegation for a comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We appreciate Government of Senegal’s efforts for gender equality and women’s empowerment. We commend in particular the national action plan to eliminate gender-based violence and promote human rights, adopted in 2017.

My delegation recommends the Government of Senegal to:

1. Continue the measures to support the national human rights institutions and strengthen the financial and administrative autonomy of the Senegalese Human Rights Committee
2. Continue its efforts to combat human trafficking by providing the necessary support to the national body against trafficking in humans
3. Continue efforts for realization of the right to education of all children, in particular by providing increased access to primary education for girls
4. Redouble its efforts to empower the communities at the grass root level in the fight against poverty to ensure the realization of right to development of all its citizens

We wish the Government of Senegal a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.