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

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Mexico**

**Statement by Pakistan**

**(November 7, 2018)**

Mr. President,

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

We appreciate measures taken by Mexico for the protection of the rights of women with reference to a) reform of the General Law on Women’s Access to a Life free from Violence and b) efforts to implement the National Program for Equality of Opportunities and Non-Discrimination against Women (2013-18).

My delegation recommends the Government of Mexico to:

1. Ensure freedom of religion for all people, especially of indigenous populations, so that they are not forcibly displaced and compelled to convert
2. Ensure the impartiality and independence of the judiciary so that it operates free of interference or pressure in the exercise of its functions
3. Investigate allegations of violations of the rights of migrants and refugees, including refoulement,
4. Repeal provisions in the Constitution and in laws that provide for *arraigo*detention and investigate and prosecute allegations of violations of human rights committed under these laws

We wish the Government of Mexico a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.