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**32nd session of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Afghanistan**

**Statement by Pakistan**

 (Monday January 21, 2019)

Mr. President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Afghanistan and commends it for a comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We commend Government of Afghanistan for its efforts towards poverty reduction by ensuring better access opportunities to economic means, improved food security and better policies.

My delegation recommends the Government of Afghanistan to:

1. Ensure provision of alternative livelihood for people dependent on opium farming in order to provide them with legitimate sources of income for realization of their economic and social rights.
2. Create an enabling environment for regular and sustained return of refugees through provision of livelihood opportunities for decent employment and equitable access to quality education and health-care services.
3. Ensure effective implementation of land allocation policies and provision of housing for returnees leading to durable solutions and allowing for regular and sustained return of refugees.
4. Ensure that protection of rights of all children without discrimination and take steps for bringing an end to child marriage by promptly implementing the National Action Plan to end child marriage.

We wish Afghanistan a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.