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

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Slovakia**

Statement by Pakistan

(Monday 28 January 2019)

Mr. President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Slovakia and thanks them for presentation of their national report.

My delegation appreciates Slovakia’s efforts for the Protection of Children from violence. We note with appreciation the National Strategy for the Protection of Children from Violence as well as the establishment of National Coordination Centre for Resolving the Issues of Violence against Children. However we are concerned at the prevalence of racial discrimination against different minorities, especially Roma, Muslims and persons of African descent.

My delegation recommends the Government of Slovakia to:

1. Take measures to prevent racist attacks, in particular against Roma, Muslims and persons of African descent
2. Prohibit by law any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constituted incitement to discrimination on any grounds
3. Take all necessary steps to end impunity and ensure that all responsible for all kinds of hate crimes and hate speech are brought to justice

We wish Slovakia a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.