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**33Rd session of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Bhutan**

**Statement by Pakistan**

(Wednesday May 8, 2019)

Mr. President,

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

We note with appreciation Bhutan’s efforts to eliminate pocketed and dispersed nature of poverty, through targeted initiatives especially in rural areas. We also commend them for their broad-based programmes in education, health, agriculture, rule of law, good governance and anti-corruption measures.

My delegation recommends the Government of Bhutan to:

1. Continue its reforms in health and education to enhance access to quality services for all;
2. Continue to implement policies and measures to strengthen its environmental conservation efforts; and
3. Continue its efforts for the promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women and girls

We wish Bhutan a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.