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

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

**Statement by Pakistan**

(Thursday, May 9, 2019)

Mr. President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and commends it for a comprehensive presentation of its national report.

Pakistan notes with appreciation Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)’s engagement with the international human rights framework and in this regard, we welcome the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

My delegation recommends the Government of Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to:

1. Continue to maintain cooperation with international organizations in the fields of health, education, nutrition and food security
2. Redouble its efforts to improve the education conditions and environment of the rural schools, in order for its people to enjoy their right to education
3. Take concrete action to increase the recruitment of female officials and strengthen their role in policy making agencies

We wish Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.