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

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Norway**

**Statement by Pakistan**

(Monday, 6 May 2019)

Mr. President,

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

We note with appreciation the adoption of Action Plan on increasing employment among immigrants (2013 to 2016) and the National Strategy for immigrants' health (2013-2017). However, we remain concerned that many migrants continue to experience discrimination in areas such as recruitment, housing and health. We are also concerned at the increase in hateful statements against Muslims, people of African descent, asylum seekers, and other groups, which fuel hatred and intolerance towards them, particularly from leading politicians and media professionals.

My delegation recommends Norway to:

1. Intensify its efforts to ensure non-discrimination of persons with immigrant backgrounds, in particular in housing and employment sectors
2. Adopt a new comprehensive action plan on integration, including the promotion of equality and prevention of discrimination
3. Ensure that hate crimes and hate speech are promptly identified & registered and all cases are investigated, perpetrators are prosecuted and punished.
4. Adopt laws to clearly prohibit ethnic profiling by police and prevent unequal treatment on the basis of physical appearance, colour or ethnic or national origin

We wish Norway a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.