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

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Portugal**

**Statement by Pakistan**

(Wednesday, 8 May 2019)

Mr. President,

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

We welcome the adoption of the fourth National Plan to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Human Beings (2018–2021). We also note with satisfaction Portugal’s efforts to promote gender equality within the Roma community. However, we are concerned at the reports of continued discrimination against refugees, migrants, Roma, Muslims and people of African descent.

Pakistan recommends Portugal to:

1. Investigate, prosecute and punish acts of hate speech, including those committed by politicians during political campaigns;
2. Strengthen its efforts to raise awareness among the public, civil servants and law enforcement officials on the importance of cultural diversity and inter-ethnic understanding, in order to combat stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination against refugees, migrants, Roma, Muslims and persons of African descent;
3. Accelerate its efforts to adopt the draft law on anti-discrimination, simplifying complaint procedures and facilitating access to legal aid for victims of discrimination
4. End immigration-related detention of children, particularly for unaccompanied and separated children, and ensure appropriate care arrangements to give adequate support to both children and their families

We wish Portugal a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.