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

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Qatar**

**Statement by Pakistan**

(Wednesday May 15, 2019)

Mr. President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes the delegation of Qatar and thanks them for providing an update on the steps taken since second UPR cycle.

We appreciate Qatar’s commitment to the welfare and well-being of its people through a system of social protection and rehabilitation for the vulnerable, especially victims of violence, family breakdown, women and children. We also note with appreciation the adoption of Second National Development Strategy (2018–2022), to address human rights issues related to education, health, environment, rights of migrant workers, women’s empowerment and children’s rights.

Pakistan recommends Qatar to:

1. Continue to implement measures adopted at the national level to advance the human rights of expatriate workers;
2. Redouble its efforts for gender equality and women empowerment by increasing involvement of Qatari women in decision making positions
3. Continue to implement its policies and programmes for combating all forms of domestic violence against women and children, including violence against domestic workers

We wish Qatar a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.