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**34th session of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Iraq**

Statement by Pakistan

(Monday November 11, 2019)

Mr. President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes distinguished delegation of Iraq. We commend them for a comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We note with appreciation Iraq’s efforts to increase the participation of women in political and work life and to enjoy equal opportunities in education, recruitment and employment. We also commend Iraq for its efforts for realization of Right to Development for all its people.

Pakistan recommends the Iraq to:

1. Take steps to strengthen the role of the Human Rights Commission of Iraq in accordance with the Paris Principles;
2. Redouble its efforts to protect cultural heritage sites;
3. Continue its efforts against domestic violence including through enactment of laws

We wish Iraq a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.