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

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Slovenia**

**Statement by Pakistan**

(Tuesday, November 12, 2019)

Mr. President,

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

We appreciate Slovenia’s efforts to reduce poverty, social exclusion and improve the situation of older persons. We also welcome the establishment of a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles. However, we remain concerned that hate speech on the Internet is on the rise, particularly against migrants, Roma and Muslims.

My delegation recommends Slovenia to:

1. strengthen the response of its criminal justice system in cases of hate speech and related violence by ensuring effective investigation and appropriate prosecution and punishment of perpetrators;
2. continue to strengthen its institutional structure for combating trafficking in human beings and provide victims of trafficking with adequate access to health care, counselling and effective protection

We wish Slovenia a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.