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**35th session of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Lao People’s Democratic Republic**

Statement by Pakistan

(Tuesday January 21, 2020)

Madam President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes distinguished delegation of Lao People’s Democratic Republic and thanks them for a comprehensive presentation of their national report.

Pakistan appreciates Lao’s efforts to ensure gender equality and health care in particular for women and children. We commend in particular the adoption of National Strategic Plan on Reproductive Health, Services for Mothers and Newborns and Child Healthcare 2016-2025.

Pakistan recommends the Government of Lao People’s Democratic Republic to:

1. Continuing to take concrete measures to eliminate poverty and improve standard of living for its people;
2. Strengthen measures to further realize the right to education, in particular by provision of sufficient school facilities and teachers in remote areas;
3. Continue its efforts to empower women in decision making roles at all levels.

We wish Lao People’s Democratic Republic a successful review.

I thank you Madam President.