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

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Lesotho**

Statement by Pakistan

(Wednesday January 22, 2020)

Madam President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes distinguished delegation of Lesotho. We commend a comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We note with appreciation Lesotho’s efforts to reduce extreme poverty, food insecurity and unemployment. We also welcome Lesotho’s National Youth Policy (2017), which aims to stimulate environmental awareness amongst the youth and their responsibilities towards sustainable environment and reduction of poverty.

Pakistan recommends the Government of Lesotho to:

1. Continue reforms to improve policies and special programmes geared to respect and protect human rights;
2. Continue to implement the National Nutrition Policy (2016) to address malnutrition using evidence-based strategies.

We wish Lesotho a successful review.

I thank you Madam President.