

## National Statement, delivered by Amb. Bilal Ahmed, Permanent Representative, during the 4<sup>th</sup> UPR of Cuba 44<sup>th</sup> Session of UPR

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Madam Vice President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes the delegation of Cuba and commends the Foreign Minister for a comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We extend our sincere felicitations on the promulgation of the new Constitution of the Republic of Cuba in 2019, and its adoption of new rights.

We also appreciate Cuba's establishment of a National Commission for implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2021.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation recommends the following:

- 1. Maintain the momentum in improving the legal and institutional human rights framework;
- 2. Further promote the rights of persons with disabilities, including through the National Action Plan and the work of the National Commission; and
- 3. Continue to improve systems for early warning of natural disasters. We wish the Government of Cuba a successful review.

## I thank you!