



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

National Statement, delivered by Mr. Afaq Ahmad, Counsellor, during the 3rd UPR of Malawi

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Madam. President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Malawi to its 3rd cycle of Universal Periodic Review and appreciates its cooperation with the UPR process.

We have reviewed the progress achieved by Malawi including through national legislations and a number of administrative steps since its last UPR in 2015. It is encouraging to note Malawi has made efforts for the protection of all human rights including civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights including the right to development without any discrimination.

We welcome the enactment of Access to Information Act of 2016, providing transparency and accessibility of information for the common citizens. It is indeed a positive development.

Pakistan appreciates Malawi's candid approach which recognizes socio-economic challenges and resource constraints that hamper progress in areas of implementation of national legislations and reforms.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- Take steps to further strengthen national human rights institutions
- Make efforts to improve the quality of education, including by providing adequate school infrastructure particularly to ensure girls' right to education

I thank you.