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

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Madam President,

Pakistan welcomes and thanks the delegation of Croatia for presenting its 3rd UPR report.

It is encouraging to note that Croatia has recognized domestic violence as a criminal offence. This would indeed help in addressing the issue meaningfully. Similarly, efforts to empower women and prevent gender-based violence are noteworthy. However, we share concerns of Human Rights and CEDAW Committees over the lack of effective implementation of these laws, even as some of these concerns are related to paucity of resources.

We commend Croatia for enacting amendments to the criminal justice system to protect witnesses as well as for the implementing the Action Plan to combat discrimination and hate crimes.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue to take steps including provision of adequate resources for women empowerment and address gender-based violence
2. Take sustained measures to combat racial discrimination and hate crimes

I thank you