



**National Statement, delivered by Amb. Bilal Ahmed, during the 4th UPR of
China
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Mr. President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes the delegation of China and thanks it for presenting a comprehensive national report.

We commend China for protecting and promoting human rights, especially the unprecedented success in lifting 800 million people out of poverty and developing the world's largest education, health care, and social security systems. These are unparalleled achievements.

Pakistan also appreciates China's continued commitment to guaranteeing the right to freedom of religion or belief in accordance with the law.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we recommend China to:

- i. Further enhance the synergy between the BRI (*Belt and Road Initiative*) and regional development programs.
- ii. Further intensify international cultural and religious exchanges, especially through more visits to Xinjiang and Tibet; and,
- iii. Continue its leadership role in promoting economic, social, and cultural rights through South-South cooperation.

We wish China every success in its 4th UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.