

National Statement delivered by Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, during the 4th UPR Review of France (43rd Session of UPR) 01 May 2023

Mr. President,

We welcome and thank the delegation of France and acknowledge the steps taken by it for combating racial discrimination, protecting the rights of minority communities and taking measures against human trafficking.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend the following:

- Take steps to promote interfaith harmony;
- Enact laws against incitement to violence and hate based on Islamophobia;
- Protect religious minorities' right to practice faith as per their religious beliefs and values; including the right to dress, food and education; and
- Lend support to HRC initiatives for realization of social, economic and cultural rights including the right to development.

I thank you!