

Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

National Statement, delivered by Ambassador Tahir Hussain Andrabi, Deputy Permanent Representative, during the 3rd UPR of USA

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Madam President,

Pakistan welcomes the US delegation its 3rd UPR.

Pakistan shares the concerns of a number of Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies regarding rising incidents of racial discrimination, hate speech, religious intolerance and xenophobia in the US.

We recommend that the US:

- 1. Immediately resume its engagement with the Human Rights Council and fully comply with its obligations under the international human rights instruments and standards.
- 2. Develop an action plan to address structural discrimination with clear timelines and milestone.
- 3. Take meaningful and demonstrable steps to end Islamophobia and hate speech including through criminalization.
- 4. Ratify ICESCR, CEDAW and CRC as also recommended by a number of Special Procedures.

We wish the US a successful review

I thank you