

## 46<sup>th</sup> Session of UPR Working Group

## National Statement delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during the 4<sup>th</sup> UPR of Slovakia

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Madam Vice-President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Slovakia and thanks it for presentation of its 4<sup>th</sup> UPR report.

Acknowledging the steps taken by Slovakia to combat discrimination and hate speech, we offer the following recommendations:

- i. Intensify efforts to address the lower labour market participation of ethnic minorities and redouble measures to ensure their access to education and housing;
- ii. Increase awareness in mainstream education to overcome prejudices against some ethnic and religious minorities;
- iii. Reinforce appropriate measures to combat violence against migrant and refugee communities.

We wish Slovakia a successful review.

Thank you.