

46TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

<u>Statement delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during</u> <u>consideration of the UPR report of Eritrea</u>

(Monday, 6 May 2024)

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes the delegation of Eritrea and thanks it for providing an update on their national report.

We note with appreciation Eritrea's institutional arrangements (including through periodic meetings of the National Coordinating Body and its Framework of Action) to implement accepted UPR outcomes, and commend the Government's progress in health care, education, and agricultural modernization; as well as the National Strategic Plan (to ensure Children and Women's Rights, abandon FGM/C, and Underage Marriage) for the period 2020-2024.

In the spirit of cooperation, Pakistan recommends the following for Eritrea's consideration:

- 1. Maintain the focus on increasing education opportunities for residents of rural areas, especially women and girls, members of nomadic communities, and persons with disabilities;
- 2. Continue to raise awareness of the benefits of healthy lifestyles and the risks of tobacco and alcohol consumption; and,
- 3. Further develop monitoring mechanisms for early-warning of and response to dangerous pests, particularly locust invasions.

My delegation wishes Eritrea every success with its 4th UPR.

Thank you.