



49TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

National statement delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during consideration of the UPR Report of Sweden

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Mr. Vice President,

Pakistan welcomes Sweden's delegation and thanks them for their engagement with this Working Group.

My delegation takes note of Sweden's efforts to enhance safeguards against discrimination and stated commitment to combat hate crimes motivated by race, ethnicity or religion.

We have also positively noted progress in prosecuting individual responsible for hate crimes based on religion.

We would emphasize that racist and exclusionary rhetoric and violence against any groups, including Muslims and Afro-Swedes, must not be normalised or mainstreamed in media or public life.

In a constructive spirit, Pakistan recommends that Sweden:

1. Strengthen the legal framework for preventing all forms of racism, discrimination, and religious intolerance with concrete, targeted and measurable actions;
2. Make efforts to foster public appreciation of the right of all groups to manifest freedom of religion or belief including in clothing; and,
3. Prosecute and punish instigators of public and premeditated acts of hatred carried out with the intent to incite hostility, discrimination or violence.

We wish Sweden a successful review.

Thank you.

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