



National statement by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, during 4th cycle UPR of Paraguay

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Mr. Vice President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Paraguay and thanks them for presenting the national report and engaging with this Working Group.

We acknowledge Paraguay's progress in strengthening frameworks for the promotion and protection of human rights, including the adoption of the 4th Action Plan of the Human Rights Network (2024–2028) and the re-accreditation of the Office of the Ombudsman with category "A" status by the GANHRI's Accreditation Subcommittee in 2025.

We also note with appreciation ongoing efforts to address extreme and multi-dimensional poverty, expand coverage of school meals programmes, and foster employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, particularly for women.

Pakistan recommends Paraguay to:

- i. Strengthen poverty reduction measures in rural areas to bring outcomes at par with urban centres, particularly for People of African descent or persons in vulnerable situations;
- ii. Enhance and implement effective legislation to prevent and punish acts of racism or racial discrimination consistent with obligations under the ICERD and other international human rights instruments; and,
- iii. Reinforce measures and initiatives to protect women and girls from all forms of discrimination or violence and ensure accountability for perpetrators.

Pakistan wishes Paraguay a successful review.

Thank you.

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