Comments by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC Member States on the
"Negotiating Text" submitted by the President of the Human Rights
Council during the 2nd Inter-governmental Working Group on the
review of the work and functioning of the Council
(Geneva, 17th February 2011)

Thank Mr. President

I have the honour to make this statement on behalf of the Member States of
the Organization of Islamic Conference. The OIC Member States fully
subscribe to the statement made by Ambassador of Egypt on behalf of the
NAM.

At the outset, the OIC Member States would like to express their sincere
gratitude and appreciation to the President and his team for their efforts by
presenting a "Negotiating Text" on the review of the work and functioning
of the Council. The OIC Member States takes due note of this "Negotiating
Text", which is a "Work-in Progress" document. The OIC Member States
are of the view that this text can be considered as a basis for future
negotiations. However, we note with concern that contribution by the
Coordinator is not incorporated in the "Negotiating Text".

Mr. President

Since the beginning of the review process, the OIC Member States have
underscored the need to undertake this "fine-tuning" exercise by engaging
in discussions on those issues on which consensus is likely to emerge
among the States. However, we note with concern that the "Negotiating
Text" also contains those proposals which were firmly opposed by a
number of regional and political groups.

The OIC Member States also reiterate the need to ensure that work of the
Council is guided by the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity
and non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation.

Mr. President

Since the Working Group would be deliberating, this morning, on the text
falling under the "Universal Periodic Review" cluster, we would like to
acknowledge the efforts of Ambassador of Morocco, Facilitator for this
segment, to build convergence on issues pertaining to the UPR.

The OIC would like to make the following comments on a number of
paragraphs falling under the UPR section;

1) *Para 3)* - considering the enhanced workload and increased cost for
   the option proposed with reference to the periodicity of the UPR
   cycle, we request to explore the option of moving to a five-year cycle,

2) *Para 5)* – we want an explicit reference in the text that the plenary session of the Human Rights Council to be held **solely** for the consideration of the outcome,

3) *Para 7(a)* – we have repeated time and again that the second cycle would be focusing on the implementation of those recommendation which were accepted by the State during the first cycle. Therefore, we recommend to add *"in terms of accepted recommendations and voluntary pledges"* after preceding cycle, and delete *"as appropriate"*,

4) *Para 7(b)* - we recommend to add *"including territories within its control"* after the State,

5) *Para 16* – *we note with concern that despite the decision of the Council, the UPR Voluntary Trust Fund is not operational. Therefore, we* recommend to add the following phrase in the end of the paragraph,

"the Council should formulate the governance structure and disbursement modalities by its 18ᵗʰ session"

6) *Para 19* – we recommend to delete *"primary"* and add the following phrase in the end of the paragraph,

"In terms of accepted recommendations and voluntary pledges"

7) *Para 20* – we recommend to add the following phrase in the end of the paragraph

"in terms of accepted recommendations and voluntary pledges"

8) Para 22 – we recommend to add *"in particular LDCs and SIDS"* in the third line after *"countries,"*

9) *Para 21* – we propose to delete para 21(a) as well as to replace *"are encouraged"* with *"may"* in the shapo of the paragraph. And to change *"report"* with *"update"* in para 21(b)

In conclusion, Mr. President, we hope that these concerns will be duly addressed in the subsequent text.

We also express our full confidence in your leadership of this review process as well as our commitment to support you to reach a consensus outcome.

I thank you.