Thank you Mr. Chairman for providing us this opportunity to share our gratitude to you and the Secretariat for organizing this productive event on the occasion of “Resumed 7th Implementation Review Group under UNCAC”.

I would like to share my views with regard to Review Cycle Mechanism which provides us the opportunity to renegotiate the ways and means to improve the Pakistan’s position beside drawing useful lessons from the 1st Review Cycle. Transparency International evaluated Pakistan through the Corruption Perception Index which dropped by 9 points in a single calendar year of 2015.

I have also the honor to inform the Member countries of UNCAC, the Secretariat and UNODC that Pakistan in consultation with the Member countries of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) organized 2 days Seminar on Anti-Corruption in Islamabad on 25-26th September 2016 with a view to establish “SAARC Anti-Corruption Forum” at the regional level for eradication of corruption through mutual cooperation, information sharing, providing trainings and technical assistance.

This will definitely enhance the capacities of SAARC countries in handling the menace of corruption and is a step forward towards effective implementation and positive impacts on the Review Cycles under the guidance of UNODC.

Thanks