



**National Statement delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, during the Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment**  
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**Mr. President**

We take note of the report by the Special Rapporteur.

We reiterate our concerns that Low and Middle-Income countries are bearing the brunt of the ‘environmental injustice’ due to global structural inequalities and there is growing need for international cooperation and assistance in this domain.

The report rightly points out the important role that women can play in bringing about environmental and climate justice.

We welcome the acknowledgement of efforts made by Pakistan towards this goal as mentioned by the SR in his report, especially with reference to efforts for reduction of household air pollution, dedicated budget allocation for women-oriented activities in the National Action Plans, and collection of gender-disaggregated data to identify measures to address gendered impacts of climate change as part of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

In this regard, we wish to highlight the Climate Change Gender Action Plan launched by the Government of Pakistan last year, *which has been duly recognized by the SR in his report*. The plan supports inclusive policy dialogue, capacity development, and pilot projects for women by focusing on recognizing gender equality as a core principle, and inclusion of women in local and national level policy program and design.

**Dear Special Rapporteur**

Women were among the most affected in wake of the unprecedented floods in Pakistan, which was a climate induced calamity. What measures can be taken to ensure that women and girls are better protected in the wake of natural disasters occurring due to the negative impacts of climate change?

I thank you!