



**National Statement delivered by Mr. Jawad Ali, Minister, during General Debate under  
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**Mr. President,**

Pakistan has a strong track record of active engagement with the HRC, its allied mechanism, the OHCHR and the Special Procedures.

Pakistan recently underwent review by the CERD and our review under the ICCPR is due later this month.

We have also submitted our periodic reports under CAT, CRC, IESCR, and CEDAW and the reports would be reviewed by the respective committee next year.

**Mr. President,**

Pakistan has always advocated that our work at the HRC should be guided by Tolerance, Respect, Universality, Consensus-Building and Engagement.

These principles form the basis of trust, mutual respect and confidence between states and the OHCHR and are the prerequisite of fruitful collaboration.

Sadly, we are increasingly witnessing inclusion of certain controversial terminologies and concepts which lack a common and universal understanding, and are neither well defined nor agreed in any intergovernmental process.

We have always underscored how such documents affect the confidence of a large number of States on the OHCHR and the SPMHs.

The only effect of which is to jeopardize solidarity, cooperation and instigate a polarizing conversation.

We strongly advocate for the promotion and protection of universally agreed human rights norms and principles and adhere to the principle of zero tolerance against violence, or discrimination on any ground.

The significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must be borne in mind, as stipulated in the VDPA, which laid out the foundations for the work of the Office.

I thank you!