



National Statement delivered by Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, during the High-level panel discussion on UPR Voluntary Funds: achievements, good practices and lessons learned over the past 15 years and optimized support to States in the implementation of recommendations emanating from the fourth cycle
1st March 2023

Mr. President,

We thank the panelists and participants for their insightful remarks.

Pakistan reaffirms its support for the UPR mechanism and recognizes its valuable contribution in promoting enjoyment of human rights across the globe.

Since the establishment of the Council, it has proven its efficacy and value for furthering the global human rights agenda. It signifies a success story of the Human Rights Council, through promotion of dialogue and promotion.

Universal participation, high level of engagement, steady growth of legislative and administrative steps and voluntary commitments to advance human rights demonstrate the effectiveness of this process.

This is evident by the level of participation of member states and steady growth of measures taken by States pursuant to recommendations from the UPR process. This spirit of constructive engagement should continue to guide the future UPR cycles.

We have consistently supported the use of UPR funds to facilitate the participation of developing States, particularly the least developed countries and small island developing States and for the implementation of the recommendations received during the UPR cycles.

Being a part of the core group, Pakistan fully supports the two voluntary funds related to UPR. We believe these two funds have made significant contribution to augmenting participation of these countries in the UPR mechanism, as well as meaningfully helping them in enacting measures for implementation of the recommendations by providing them with financial and technical support, in a non-discriminatory way.

As we have already completed three cycles of UPR, we believe that there is a need to learn from the best practices adopted by states and lessons learned at all levels of the process. We suggest that the General Debate under Agenda Item 6 could be a useful platform for this dialogue.



I thank you!