



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during
Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCMs)**

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Madam Vice President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for presenting her report.

We agree with the Special Rapporteur's view that any assessment of the humanitarian impact of unilateral sanctions must contend with complex variables whose interaction can often be unpredictable and difficult to measure.

We appreciate the mandate holder's diligence in applying established methodologies to this arduous task with diligence and rigour, and attempting to ascertain the long-term humanitarian consequences of UCMs, the risks of overcompliance, and the impact particularly on persons in vulnerable situations.

Pakistan reiterates that UCMs are in contravention to the UN Charter and entail considerable human rights risks.

The continued proliferation of UCMs in support of foreign policy goals remains a matter of concern.

There is a growing body of evidence that such measures undermine several interlocking human rights of affected populations.

We wish to reiterate that sanctions can only be implemented with authorization of the UN Security Council with adequate safeguards for peoples' humanitarian needs and fundamental rights.

We hope the Special Rapporteur's recommendations will receive careful consideration from all the member states.

I thank you.