

National Statement by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary during Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on the Promotion of a Democratic and Equitable International Order

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Mr. President,

We thank the Independent Expert for presenting the report, reiterating the call for maintenance of international peace and security to ensure promotion and protection of democratic and equitable international order and human rights across the globe.

The report covers broad range of issues including matters related to other UN specialized bodies. We trust that relevant technical bodies would give due consideration to Independent Expert's views.

We echo Independent Expert's call for respecting UN Charter in letter and spirit for the maintenance of global peace and security. Sovereign equality of all member states, settlement of disputes by peaceful means and to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity of any state are not only the guiding principles for inter-state relations but remain critical for the universal enjoyment of human rights values.

Unfortunately, the failure to uphold UN Charter and non-compliance with decisions of UN Security Council by occupation regime has perpetuated oppression manifested in serious violations of human rights. The willful defiance of the UN Charter provisions, especially Article 25 and UN Security Council resolutions is on display with respect to occupied territories of Kashmir and Palestine, where human rights crimes and denial of right to self-determination continues unabated.

In addition, structural imbalances and inequalities in global economic and financial order are perpetuating underdevelopment.

We would appreciate your insight on two key issues. First, how cases of non-compliance by states with respect to realization of right to self-determination in UN recognized occupied territories be addressed?

I thank you.