



**Statement on behalf of the OIC by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary,
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Mr. President,

The OIC reaffirms its support for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism and recognizes its valuable contribution in promoting universal enjoyment of human rights.

As a platform for dialogue and cooperation, UPR represents a success story of the Human Rights Council. 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.

The OIC reiterates that the principles of universality, equal treatment, voluntary and peer review nature of the process must remain sacrosanct and provisions of IB package should be respected in letter and spirit.

As we would be commencing the 4th UPR cycle shortly, the OIC acknowledges its pivotal role in advancing the human rights agenda. This process has led to the improvement of human rights situations and strengthening of human rights framework in several countries. It would be prudent to utilize this mechanism as a source of providing technical cooperation and capacity building to member states.

Commencing with the preparation of national reports and compilations of civil society and UN contributions, the process provides a unique opportunity to share best-practices, highlight national achievements and offer constructive feedback.

The OIC also fully supports the two voluntary funds related to UPR. We believe these two funds have made good contribution to enhancing participation of developing countries in the UPR as well as meaningfully helping them in implementation of the agreed recommendations.



Mr. President,

As an effective and unique peer review mechanism, UPR provides an opportunity for engaging in a meaningful dialogue among range of stakeholders. We appreciate the role of civil society organization and national human rights institutions during the UPR process.

The OIC strongly believes that the spirit of constructive engagement should continue to guide the future work of the UPR mechanism.

We also commend the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for their role in smooth and efficient proceedings of the UPR process.

I thank you.