



National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, at the Interactive Dialogue with UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy:
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Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for her report.

The SR has raised valid concerns on the sanctity and security of data collected during the Pandemic.

We, agree with the SR that there is a pressing human rights imperative to develop laws on personal data protection and privacy rights. This is especially important in the context of a future pandemic.

We believe that data protection must adhere to certain principle such as:

1. Any processing and use of personal data should be lawful and transparent to individuals
2. Personal data should only be collected and used for specified and legitimate purposes
3. Personal data should be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security and confidentiality
4. There should be accountability on use of data that is inconsistent with these purposes.

Dear Special Rapporteur,

States primary duty bears of human rights, however, data in the hands of non-state and private actors also needs proper legal management.

We would like the SR's comments on whether archiving the data collected during the Pandemic can be useful for future health emergencies and if any international legal standards could be developed for it.

I thank you!