



**National Statement, delivered by Third Secretary, Danyal Hasnain, during
the 4th UPR Review of South Africa
(41st Session of UPR)
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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of South Africa and thank it for presenting the 4th UPR report and congratulate the delegation on South Africa's election to the Human Rights Council.

We recognize South Africa's cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms and Special Procedures mandate holders and appreciate its continued progress on the human rights front through various initiatives, especially the National Action Plan to Combat Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related Intolerance and the Overcrowding Reduction Strategy 2021, among others.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we have the following recommendations:

- Accelerating efforts to improve conditions in prisons and reduce prison overcrowding; and
- Continue promoting sustainable economic and social development policies, to protect social and economic rights of all its people, especially the most vulnerable groups.

We wish South Africa a successful review.

I thank you!