



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during the
Interactive Dialogue with Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
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Mr. President,

We take note of the Working Group's report.

Pakistan has consistently engaged with the Working Group in a constructive manner and attach high importance to its mandate.

Pakistan's constitutional and legal framework enshrines various safeguards that guarantee the right to protection from unlawful deprivation of liberty and right to a fair trial, among others.

Robust judicial and institutional mechanisms of oversight and remedies remain available and fully functional to enforce these constitutionally guaranteed rights.

The civil society continue to play a vital role in public awareness-raising and advocacy about furthering the human rights agenda in the country.

Mr. President,

We would like to highlight that persons living under UN recognized situations of foreign occupation remain most vulnerable and are systematically subjected to arbitrary deprivation of liberty. We request further sharpened focus on the WG on these situations.

Lastly, we wish to underscore that human rights mechanisms add maximum value when the highest standards of objectivity, transparency, impartiality are maintained.

They form the basis of trust, mutual respect and confidence between states and the Special Procedures.

We also emphasize that information received from the 'sources' and acted upon by the Working Group should be closely examined for its credibility.

I thank you!