



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, during the Interactive Dialogue  
with Working Group on Enforced Disappearances  
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Mr. President,

We take note of the Working Group's report.

We have consistently engaged with the Working Group in a constructive manner, since its inception, and attach high importance to its mandate.

Pakistan's constitution clearly stipulates that no one shall be deprived of liberty, save in accordance with the law.

In order to consolidate this constitutional guarantee, a bill, criminalizing enforced disappearance, is undergoing legislative process at the Parliament.

The National Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances is a legal forum for families of alleged disappeared persons to lodge complaints.

The Commission has the full legal authority to summon law enforcement agency officials and seek feedback on the alleged cases.

As a result of these concerted efforts, the Commission has disposed of over 7000 out of 9200 cases since its establishment in 2011 and as mentioned in the WG's report as well, over 50 percent of the cases received from the Working Group have been clarified by the Commission.

We also take this opportunity to thank the Working Group for its monitoring, reporting and public expression of concerns about the alarming situation in UNSC recognized occupied territories.

The scale and magnitude of enforced disappearances and grave violations of human rights in these occupied territories has further escalated in the recent years.

We look forward to our continued dialogue with the Working Group.

I thank you!