



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during ID
with Special Rapporteur on situation of human rights in Eritrea
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Madam Vice President,

Pakistan has been a consistent advocate for dialogue and cooperation as the preferred means to advance universal respect for and enjoyment of human rights.

We strongly believe that engagement and consent of the country concerned remain crucial to address human rights concerns and promote compliance with a state's international human rights obligations.

We appreciate Eritrea's active and constructive engagement with international human rights machinery including this Council.

We reiterate that the continuity of human rights mandates, without the consent of the country concerned, runs counter to the principles of cooperation and genuine dialogue, as enshrined in the IB package.

Pakistan underscores the necessity for the Council to fulfil its vital mandate in an objective, transparent, non-selective, and non-politicized manner.

We, therefore, hope that the Council would pursue human rights cooperation, in light of these principles, and as per the Eritrean government's priorities and requirements.

I thank you!