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Remarks by Pakistan for

Clustered Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Special Rapporteur on SR on Internally Displaced Persons

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Mr. President,

At the outset, allow me to extend our appreciation to the Special Rapporteur for presentation of the two Reports.

2. The focus of the report of SR on Extreme Poverty on the impact of climate change on human rights of people living in or near poverty is apt. Much of post-industrial economic growth has been based on unsustainable resource extraction and exploitation. Certain people and countries have gotten incredibly wealthy through emissions without paying for the costs to the environment and human health, which are being borne disproportionately by people in poverty and by countries struggling on the development ladder.

3. We also agree with his assessment that the groups that will be most negatively affected by this inevitable challenge, are those living in poverty across the globe. We would request the Special Rapporteur to elaborate on his recommendations on the possible avenues of international cooperation in order to ensure that the poor do not have to bear the brunt of this eventuality.

Mr. President,

4. It is a matter of concern that 41.4 million internally displaced people are struggling to have basic subsistence. 2018 proved to be worst year in terms of increase in internal displacements. Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement can provide a useful framework to undertake protection of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). The Global Plan (GP20) initiative is step in the right direction, to step up the protection of displaced people.

5. The international community has responsibility to support and enable them to enjoy their economic and social rights. Their rehabilitation and safe resettlement into their homes are the best solution, and efforts should be made for the protection of their rights.

6. It is imperative to address the two major causes of internal displacement being, wars and disaster. It is worthwhile to timely invest in prevention, preparedness and early warning.

7. We would like to reiterate that, the principles of neutrality, humanity and impartiality, should remain the basis of all responses to humanitarian emergencies including those of IDPs. At all times, the primary role of the concerned State in the initiation, identification, coordination and delivery of humanitarian assistance remains central.

I thank you.