



**Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN
Geneva**

**Remarks at the Plenary Meeting of the Conference on Disarmament,
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Mr. President,

At the outset, let me first congratulate you on assuming the Presidency of this Conference and for starting your outreach at a very early stage.

We also deeply appreciate you for sharing your plans for your Presidency.

We would like to endorse your approach – to pursue efforts on draft Decision on the conduct of work in the CD and to organize thematic plenary meetings.

Mr. President,

We recognize the delicate balance of the 2022 decision, which has been referred to by many delegations.

We also note that no one in this Conference objected to giving the 2022 decision another chance in the absence of consensus on new proposals. In fact, in the Plenary meeting on 08th March, majority of States once again urged the body to revert to the 2022 decision.

Mr. President,

We would like to also positively acknowledge the efforts conducted by the previous CD President – the delegation of Indonesia – for advancing our work on the Program of Work consultations.

We share the assessment that despite our best efforts and the maximum flexibility by several delegations, including by my delegation, we have been prevented to arrive at consensus on a draft decision.

The situation is clear. The block being experienced by the CD today is not that we do not have consensus on the decision on the CD's work but positions that seek to break that consensus.

Nevertheless, Mr. President, we assure you of our commitment to support your work during your Presidency.
