



**National Statement delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during General Debate under
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Mr. President,

Pakistan aligns with the statements of the OIC and other groups of which we are a part.

Pakistan reaffirms its commitment to the universality, inter-dependence, inter-relatedness and indivisibility of all human rights.

Selectivity in approaches or a hierarchy of human rights can only hinder, rather than help, states' realisation of all human rights, including the right to development.

We sincerely hope that the prevailing liquidity crisis will not unduly impact the efforts of the OHCHR (Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights) to bring economic, social and cultural rights at par.

As a longstanding supporter of this Council, Pakistan is concerned that geopolitics is increasingly looming over its vital work to advance the international human rights agenda. The unwarranted references to China in public statements are a sad reflection of this growing instrumentalisation.

We are especially concerned at the mushrooming of country-specific mandates without the consent of the country concerned.

Mr. President,

Situations of occupation and the non-realisation of inalienable rights remain the most glaring instances requiring the Council's attention.

My delegation remains deeply concerned about attempts to draw this Council's attention away from the egregious situation in illegally occupied territories, especially Palestine, by hyping up misguided or divisive narratives.

In Indian illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir, sham elections with no legal basis are being trumpeted to perpetuate a draconian and heavy-handed military siege, in complete contravention of UNSC resolutions and blatant disregard for the will of the Kashmiri people.

Adherence to the principle of non-selectivity would enable this Council to finally do justice to peoples under occupation and their aspirations to enjoy all human rights equally and in full, starting from the exercise their inalienable right to self-determination.

I thank you.