



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during
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Mr. Vice President,

My delegation affirms Pakistan's abiding support to this Council and allied mechanisms, and their responsibility to promote the universality of human rights.

Our active engagement with special procedure mandate holders, constructive approach to communications, and regular reporting to the treaty bodies demonstrate our unwavering commitment.

Human rights mechanisms add maximum value when the highest standards of objectivity, transparency, impartiality and professionalism are maintained. This remains the basis of trust, mutual respect and confidence between states and special procedures mandate holders, which is the prerequisite of fruitful collaboration.

Mr. Vice President,

We encourage and expect the mandate holders above all to adhere to the principles of as stipulated in their Code of Conduct.

We impress upon special procedures to avoid controversial or divisive concepts that are only narrowly supported, and provide one-sided legal interpretations.

We also emphasise the continued need for prudence and objectivity in undertaking public communications. These public platforms must not be perceived as political theatre.

Pakistan looks forward faithful compliance with the principle of equitable geographic representation enshrined in resolution 5/1.

Human rights are the cherished treasure belonging to all humanity. Domination by any geographic clique would only undercut their universality. We must not allow this to become a setback for the international human rights movement and this Council's mandate.

Thank you.