



Statement on behalf of the OIC, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary,
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Mr. Vice President,

The OIC reaffirms its support for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process as one of the key success stories of the Human Rights Council. This is evident by the level of participation of member states and steady growth of legislative, policy and administrative steps taken by States pursuant to recommendations from the UPR process.

We reiterate that the spirit of constructive engagement should continue to guide the future UPR cycles.

As the fourth UPR cycle has commenced, principles of universality, impartiality, transparency, equal treatment, voluntary and peer review nature of the process must remain sacrosanct.

Commencing with the preparation of national reports and compilations of civil society and UN contributions, the UPR process provides a unique opportunity to highlight national achievements, share best-practices, and offer constructive feedback.

Through positive interactions in the entirety of a UPR cycle, States have demonstrated tangible progress in the promotion and protection of all human rights including through introducing voluntarily policy and institutional reforms.

The UPR process has led to the improvement of human rights situations and strengthening of human rights framework in several countries. It would be prudent to utilize this mechanism as a source of providing technical cooperation and capacity building of member states.

Mr. Vice President,

Being an effective and unique peer-review mechanism, it represents a useful platform for engaging in a meaningful dialogue among range of stakeholders, including the civil society and National Human Rights Institutions. We appreciate the role of civil society organizations and national human rights institutions during the UPR process.

The OIC also fully supports the two voluntary funds related to UPR. We believe these two funds have made good contribution to enhancing participation of developing countries in the UPR, as well as, meaningfully helping them in implementation of the agreed recommendations.



The OIC also commends the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for their role in smooth and efficient proceedings of the UPR process.

I thank you.