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Statement

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Statement by Mr. Muhammad Abdullah, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Pakistan on Individual Case No. 5 under Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111)

[China's alleged discrimination based on race, religion, national extraction and social origin affecting ethnic and religious minorities in Xinjiang]

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Honourable Chair,

Pakistan appreciates the continuing commitment of the Government of the People's Republic of China to comply with international labour standards particularly its implementation of Convention 111.

It is encouraging that China has taken a number of significant legislative and administrative measures after ratification of the Convention in 2007.

We are of the view that all Member States should have the necessary space to implement laws and regulations in light of their specific circumstances and sovereign obligations toward ensuring the well-being of their people.

Chairperson,

It is the responsibility of every Government to create an environment that is conducive to the well-being and welfare of its people. Accordingly, policy measures should be pursued to not only afford equal opportunity but also to grant positive discrimination to disadvantaged groups so that they get a pedestal to grow and compete with others. This also applies to promotion of employment and choice of occupation.

It is important to resolve all concerns and complaints amicably in the spirit of tripartite cooperation. It is important to refrain from politicizing the work of ILO supervisory mechanisms and this Committee. Objectivity is the first victim of politicization, which contravenes the human-centered approach advocated in the ILO Centenary Declaration and reiterated every year especially in the post-pandemic world of work.

We believe deliberations in the Committee should be in line with the spirit of multilateralism and aimed at application of labour standards in a non-political and objective manner.

Thank you Chair.