



**National statement, delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, DPR, during General Debate
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Mr. Vice President,

We remain deeply concerned over increasing contemporary manifestations of racism and hatred, and the apparent unwillingness to confront it.

Unfortunately, there is even a reluctance to engage in a dialogue to strengthen international cooperation in this area.

Instead, we see an over-reliance on questionable technical approaches that may have some academic value but proven limitations in practice and lack necessary preventive toolkit.

The results are obvious. Vile incidents of hatred are on the rise.

It is hard not to see this for what it is: a political and normative surrender to the forces of hatred.

Resolutions of this Council have true value only when commitments are backed by political will.

Mr. Vice President,

The unabated resurgence of racism, racial discrimination, and incidents of religious hatred is not confined to any specific country or region.

Growing anti-Muslim hatred and Islamophobia are abominable trends stemming from deep-seated racist attitudes.

We welcome the recent adoption of the UNGA resolution on measures to counter this dangerous trend.

This Council must also act to strengthen international cooperation to deal with rising racism, intolerance and hatred in line with states obligations under ICCPR, ICERD and shared commitments under DDPA.

Thank you.