



Draft Resolution A/HRC/46/L.9 on “Human Rights Situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran”

46th Session of the Human Rights Council

Explanation of Vote before the Vote

Madam President,

UNGA resolution 60/251 mandates the Human Rights Council to exercise its functions, in full adherence to the principles of impartiality, objectivity, universality and transparency.

The Council and its allied mechanisms should work to advance and deepen constructive engagement, and dialogue among States.

States bear the primary responsibility to promote and protect basic rights of their citizens, in accordance with applicable international obligations. States are also best situated to identify and address their human rights challenges. Therefore, the Council should focus on supporting States in implementing their human rights priorities and policies.

Madam President,

Pakistan strongly believes that the perspective of concerned States should figure prominently in the Council's decisions. The global human rights agenda is best served by consent of and consultations with the concerned States when dealing with affairs which fall exclusively within their sovereign jurisdiction.

Since the draft resolution, as contained in document L.9, contravenes these well-established principles, that guide the Council's work and does not enjoy support of the country concerned, Pakistan would like to call for a vote and vote against it.

I thank you, Madam President.