



National Statement, delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during General Debate under Item 8

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Mr. President,

The multilateral system today is facing unprecedented challenges and constraints.

Increasing polarization, intensifying geopolitical conflicts, rising inequality, within and among nations, and the accentuating negative impacts of climate change are increasingly dwindling peoples' trust in the UN system.

In this backdrop, it is imperative that we all reaffirm our abiding commitment to the VDPA, which encapsulates humanity's aspirations to uphold human dignity and advance human rights and freedoms.

Mr. President,

The perpetuation of grave and systematic violations of human rights in UN recognized situations of foreign occupation should be a matter of deep concern for all.

Deterioration of people's enjoyment of their basic human rights is rooted in the occupied peoples' disenfranchisement and denial of right to self-determination.

As voiced, time and again, Pakistan would reiterate that the current catastrophic situation in Occupied Palestine is a direct result of Palestinians' right to self-determination.

Henceforth, the faith posed by peoples under occupation in the international multilateral system should not – must not – be broken and it must rise to their expectations.

Mr. President,

Pakistan calls on all states to renew their commitment to the VDPA and we stand ready to advance international cooperation to address multidimensional global challenges.

We underline the need for enhanced efforts to ameliorate the negative impacts of historic injustices, climate change, festering conflicts, socioeconomic disparities, and deep-rooted intolerance and discrimination.

Thus, the rekindling of Vienna Spirit and the VDPA can provide us with a beacon of light in these dark times.

I thank you.