



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during General  
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Mr. President,

My delegation aligns with the statements of the OIC, NAM, and other groups of which Pakistan is a member.

Pakistan remains deeply concerned over increasing manifestations of racism and hatred and the unwillingness to confront it.

Instead, the politics of hatred and division are driving electorates, and this is happening in our region and other parts of the world.

The unabated rise in racial discrimination, Islamophobia, and religious hatred are abominable trends stemming from ingrained and systemic racist attitudes.

In international human rights law, freedoms, limitations, and prohibitions provide a balanced and interconnected normative solution.

Its selective application has brought us to a point where inciteful hate speech cannot be stopped, and victims remain unprotected.

Expert tools and concepts cannot substitute international law or intergovernmental consensus. Especially when they serve hate actors better than hate victims.

The growing international acknowledgment of risks of Islamophobia and other forms of intolerance is a welcome step. But more action is needed.

We call upon all states to work towards strengthening joint action against racism, Xenophobia, and intolerance based on religion.

Thank you.