



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during General
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Mr. Vice President,

Pakistan firmly believes that the Council plays an important role in assisting states in promoting and protecting human rights of their peoples and advancing their development.

Pakistan has been a regular contributor to the OHCHR and the voluntary funds.

We reaffirm our support for the HRC and its technical assistance mandate and acknowledge its significant role in safeguarding and advancing all human rights.

We also take this opportunity to thank the OHCHR for their role in assisting states to enhance their efforts for promotion and protection of their citizens' rights.

Pakistan underlines that dialogue and engagement are the most essential tools to advance the global human rights agenda through enhanced international cooperation.

In this regard, we emphasize that the technical cooperation mandate should not be politicized, as it undermines the Council's credibility.

Furthermore, we underscore that efforts should be redoubled to provide assistance to the developing and least-developed countries, especially to tackle the negative impacts of climate change, pandemic, geopolitical conflicts and the overall economic slowdown.

Thus, we reiterate that the technical assistance mandate, when adhering to UNGA resolution 60/251 principles, can act as a stimulus for international cooperation and genuine dialogue and also provide the basis for furthering the human rights agenda in a symbiotic manner.

I thank you!