Statement on behalf of the OIC, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during General Debate on Item 6

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Mr. President,

As a longstanding exponent, the OIC Group reiterates its support for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process as one of the key success stories of the Human Rights Council.

The success of UPR is symbolized by the level of trust, participation of member states, constructive engagement and subsequently the steady growth of legislative, policy and administrative steps taken by States, in light of the recommendations received during the process.

We take satisfaction in the fact that despite the overall increasing polarization in the Council, the UPR process has stood the test of time and the member states have continuously reaffirmed their commitment to this important part of the IB Package.

We reiterate that the spirit of constructive engagement should continue to guide the future UPR cycles.

As the UPR cycles continue, we underline that all member states should ensure that the principles of universality, impartiality, transparency, equal treatment, voluntary and peer review nature of the process must be upheld and the process is not tainted.

Mr. President,

The preparation of national reports outlining national achievements, sharing of best practices, compilations of civil society, UN contributions and the opportunity to offer constructive feedback have played a huge role in strengthening the process and ensuring its success.

We also appreciate the role of civil society organizations and national human rights institutions during the UPR process.

The OIC also supports the two voluntary funds related to UPR. These funds have enabled enhanced participation of developing countries in the UPR, as well as, meaningfully helping them in implementation of the agreed recommendations.

The OIC expresses its appreciation for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for their role in smooth and efficient proceedings of the UPR process.

I thank you!