National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary during General Debate under Item 8

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Madam Vice President,

The multilateral system, which we all have built together painstakingly, is increasingly grappling with unprecedented challenges and constraints.

Intensifying geopolitical conflicts, rising inequality, increasing polarization, and the accentuating negative impacts of climate change are progressively dwindling peoples' trust in the ability and credibility of the UN system.

It is ever more urgent and pertinent upon all to reaffirm commitment to the Vienna Spirit.

Madam Vice President,

Pakistan has long advocated for a greater international focus and attention on the continued denial of human rights of those living in UN recognized situations of foreign occupation.

Peoples' disenfranchisement has bearings on all facets of life, including human rights, development and peace & security.

Foreign occupation germinates dehumanization, crimes against humanity and even genocidal actions.

Time has only proven how well-placed our concerns were.

Pakistan would reiterate that the current catastrophic situation in Occupied Palestine is a direct result of this denial of Palestinians' fundamental rights.

And we caution that the situation in other territories under foreign occupation is no different.

Madam Vice President,

We call on all states to renew their commitment to the VDPA and we stand ready to advance international cooperation *to address the negative impacts of historic injustices, climate change, festering conflicts, socioeconomic disparities, and discrimination.*

Indeed, the rekindling of Vienna Spirit can offer us a shining beacon, casting light upon our journey through the darkness that surrounds the multilateral system today.

I thank you!