National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

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Mr. Vice President,

While taking note of the OHCHR's report, we reiterate our repeated concerns regarding the humanitarian crisis and the ongoing human rights violations in the country.

We emphasise the importance of promoting and protecting all human rights, particularly of women and girls.We are gravely concerned over their discriminatory exclusion from education and the workforce.

Pakistan's unequivocal position is grounded in Islamic teachings and the international law.

Thus, interim government in Afghanistan must fulfil their international obligations.

Mr. Vice President,

For decades, the brotherly people of Afghanistan have been hosted by Pakistanis with open arms. This level of hospitality and warmth cannot be matched by any other country.

However, Pakistan, like any other sovereign state, has the right and the duty to regulate its borders. Any Afghan who wants to visit, can do so by getting a valid visa, as a liberal visa regime is operational.

Deplorably, the TTP (Fitna Al Khawarij) continues to target innocent civilians in Pakistan, thereby directly threatening our citizens and thus undermining their human rights.

Terrorist activities emerging from within Afghanistan remain a serious challenge to our nation and the wider region.

Therefore, we call upon the Afghan interim government to uphold their obligations under international law and the Doha Agreement.

Lasting stability and peace in Afghanistan are vital for the security and prosperity of the entire region.

I thank you!