National statement delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, during General Debate under Item 8

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Mr. Vice President,

The Vienna Declaration & Programme of Action (VDPA) encapsulated the shared global aspirations to uphold human dignity and advance all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.

The perpetuation of grave and systematic violations of human rights in UN recognized situations of foreign occupation should be a matter of deep concern for all.

In illegally occupied Palestine, the unfolding catastrophe situation is a direct result of denying the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

In the quest for peace and meeting urgent humanitarian imperatives, this inalienable cornerstone of all human rights must not be overlooked. Also, without accountability, we only entrench impunity.

Likewise, the denial of self-determination to the people in illegally Indian occupied Jammu & Kashmir remains a threat to peace and human rights not only in the territory itself, but the region at large.

Mr. Vice President,

Foreign occupation, historic injustices, intolerance and discrimination, climate change, conflict, inequalities and technological divides all require concerted action.

Each of these challenges poses far-reaching risks to human rights. Unaddressed, each can severely undermine human dignity. Together, they have the power to erode the universality and indivisibility of all human rights.

Pakistan remains committed to these cherished principles and stands ready to work with all to prevent this perfect storm from coming to pass.

I thank you.

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