



**General comment by Adeel Mumtaz Khokhar, First Secretary on draft resolution
A/HRC/61/L.21**

**“Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and
the right to non-discrimination in this context”**

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Mr. President,

Pakistan thanks the Core Group for presenting the draft resolution L.21.

We attach importance to the realization of the right to adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living and support the renewal of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur in this regard.

Pakistan considers the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to be particularly relevant, especially as the mandate holder has made important references in the report to Israel’s unlawful practices affecting housing rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Gaza.

Mr. President,

We appreciate the constructive engagement during the informal consultations. The text appropriately reflects situations of occupation, which have unfortunately become increasingly central to discussions on the right to housing, particularly in the context of indiscriminate attacks, forced evictions, and demolitions amounting to collective punishment.

The resolution also contains important references linking adequate housing with climate change and disaster resilience, emphasizing the need to integrate the right to adequate housing into climate adaptation and mitigation strategies.

Pakistan therefore looks forward to joining the consensus on draft resolution L.21.

Thank you.