



**Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the
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Statement

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**Chairperson,
Deputy High Commissioner
and Distinguished Colleagues.**

We thank the UNHCR's team for providing an update on the budget and funding.

Pakistan extends its sincere appreciation to the UNHCR for its continued efforts in responding to the growing scale and complexity of global displacement.

We note with serious concern the widening funding gap and corresponding budget deficit.

In this context, Pakistan underscores the need for exploring durable solutions, diversifying funding sources and implementation of the pledges. Predictable, sustainable, flexible, and multi-year sustained funding remains essential for UNHCR to effectively plan and deliver mandate.

The current trajectory, marked by shrinking resources and intensifying conflicts, compounded by climate-induced displacement and growing humanitarian crises, demands a more resilient and robust financial architecture.

At the same time, in line with the UN80 initiative and humanitarian re-reset, efficiency within UNHCR must be strengthened. This inter-alia includes avoiding duplication of mandates, enhancing inter-agency coordination, and ensuring the best utilization of human resources. Also ensuring, geographical representation in the UHHCR workforce.

Greater emphasis should be placed on cost-effectiveness, including procurement from cheaper and reliable sources, and on empowering local actors and responders, who are often better positioned to address local needs than deployment of international staff with huge costs.

The international community must re-focus on durable solutions. Tangible efforts are required to facilitate voluntary return and repatriation, expand third-country resettlement, and address the root causes of displacement through collective and coordinated action.

Thank you.
