



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN
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Statement by Pakistan

at the

Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Council of Representatives of the South Centre

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Hon'ble Chairman of the Board
Convenor of the Council of Representatives
Executive Director – Excellencies and
Distinguished Delegates,

Thank you, Mr. Convener,

At the outset, Pakistan expresses its appreciation to the Hon'able Chairman Thebo Mbeki and Executive Director of the South Centre, Mr. Carlos Correa, for their continued leadership and steadfast advocacy for the Global South.

We commend the South Centre for its valuable contributions over the past year in advancing the interests of developing countries across key areas such as trade, finance, health, and technology as reflected in its 2025 Report.

Pakistan particularly values the Centre's support in areas such as international tax cooperation, digital governance, and equitable access to health technologies. Its engagement on emerging issues, including artificial intelligence, data governance, and climate finance, remains timely and relevant for developing countries navigating an increasingly complex global landscape.

We request the South Centre to strengthen its work, among others, on international financial architecture including issues related to debt sustainability and access to affordable finance.

Mr. Convener,

We take note of the liquidity challenges faced by the South Centre and recognize the importance of ensuring predictable and sustainable resources for its work.

We would also like to underline that, for many members, a shift from US dollars to Swiss Francs could have financial implications due to exchange rate movements and may result in an increase in the effective contribution burden for member countries. In this context, it is important to ensure that any such transition remains financially neutral, predictable, and does not place additional burden on member States.

In the current context, many developing countries continue to face significant fiscal constraints, which may limit their ability to consider increases in voluntary contributions.

We would therefore encourage exploring alternative approaches, including efficiency measures, voluntary contributions from a broader base, and partnerships.

In conclusion, Pakistan reiterates its full support for the South Centre and its mandate. We look forward to continued collective efforts to advance the shared priorities of the Global South.

Thank you.
