



**National Statement by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, during Interactive Dialogue with
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea**

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Madam Vice President,

Pakistan's principled position on country-specific mandates remains consistent.

The consent of the country concerned and the principles of cooperation and genuine dialogue remain central to strengthening the capacity of Member States to comply with their human rights obligations and improve the human rights situation.

My delegation has noted Eritrea's constructive engagement with this Council and Working Groups, including the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), as well as its recent ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This approach should be encouraged, maintained and further strengthened consistent with the Eritrean Government's national priorities and human rights obligations. The country's progress, particularly in health care and education, merit this Council's appreciation.

Madam Vice President,

This Council's goal of universal respect for and enjoyment of all human rights by all is best served by upholding the principles enshrined in the IB package. Amidst mounting concern about the efficiency and effectiveness of this Council, it is all the more important to uphold impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation.

Thank you.

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