National Statement by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, during the interactive dialogue with the Human Rights Advisory Committee

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Mr. Vice President,

We take note of the Advisory Committee's report and study (titled "Technology-facilitated gender-based violence and its impact on women and girls").

The rapid advancement of digital technologies, including artificial intelligence offers both opportunities and challenges. Algorithmic, data and automation biases pose serious risks to the full enjoyment of human rights. These risks are amplified by cyber harassment, cyberstalking, online abuse, doxxing and harmful AI-generated content.

We condemn all forms of violence against women and girls, whether in physical or digital spaces. The response requires effective prevention, protection and accountability.

Pakistan has undertaken significant legislative and institutional measures in this regard, including, inter alia, the Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace (Amendment) Act 2022, the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act 2021, the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act 2020, as well as institutional support through the National Commission on the Status of Women and the 1099 Helpline.

In March 2026, Pakistan launched its first National Strategy on countering GBV in digital contexts via strengthened institutional coordination, victim protection, awareness and prevention. We remain committed to creating safe, inclusive and empowering digital spaces for all, especially for women and girls.

Mr. Vice President,

The nature of digital technologies requires enhanced international cooperation, technology transfer, capacity-building, digital literacy and sharing of best practices.

Pakistan supports responsible development and use of artificial intelligence. At the same time, we emphasise that emerging technologies should benefit all and should not exacerbate inequalities and digital divides within or across countries.

I thank you.