Pakistan's general comments by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, during consideration of draft resolution L.30: "From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance"

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Mr. President,

Pakistan welcomes the draft resolution contained in document L.30 and thanks the African Group for presenting this important initiative again.

Pakistan has consistently supported the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. These instruments remain the comprehensive global framework to address the scourge of racism, racial discrimination and related intolerance.

Draft resolution L.30 rightly centres the legacies of colonialism and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

Pakistan commends the resolution's focus on the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards to the ICERD, the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the DDPA and other vital mandates. We note the contributions of these mandates to tangible progress under Item 9 of the Council's agenda.

Mr. President,

We welcome the resolution's acknowledgement of the pernicious challenges posed by Islamophobia. We welcome the resolution's condemnation of the misuse of social media for advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred and incitement to discrimination, hostility, or violence. Negative stereotypes, stigmatisation and discrimination based on religion remains an essential component of the fight against racism.

The resolution's recognition that digital technologies and the digital divide can exacerbate racial and ethnic inequalities is also timely. We encourage States to ensure that the development and governance of these technologies mitigate their potential discriminatory impacts.

Adoption of this resolution, Mr. President, would demonstrate the international community's sustained political will to maintain the momentum against systemic racism at the policy and institutional levels. We therefore support draft resolution L.30 and urge the Council to adopt it by consensus, as it did only last year at its 60th Session. If put to a vote for any reason, Pakistan would vote in favour.

I thank you.

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