



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during the 4<sup>th</sup>  
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Thank you, Mr. Vice President,

We welcome the delegation of Canada and acknowledge the measures for promotion and protection of human rights, including the establishment of Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia and enacting Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend the following:

- Tackle systemic issues of racial profiling, discrimination against indigenous persons and address overrepresentation of indigenous peoples in the prison system, especially women;
- Enhance legal measures to deter and counter incidents of hate, incitement to violence and Islamophobia;
- Lend support to the diplomatic initiatives to effect a ceasefire in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and protection of all rights of the Palestinian people;
- Strengthen efforts to protect the economic, social and cultural rights of minority communities, and migrants, especially their right to adequate housing.

We wish Canada a successful review.

I thank you!