



**General Comments, delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, DPR on Draft Resolution
A/HRC/54/L.6/Rev.1 titled The Centrality of Care and Support from a Human Rights
Perspective
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Mr. President

We thank the core group of Argentina, Iceland, Mexico, and Spain for bringing this initiative to the attention of the Council.

The COVID19 pandemic has underscored the significance of care and support work, which was mostly unpaid, done within households and at individual levels.

We recognize that in numerous instances, this care and support is either exclusively or predominantly provided by women, leading to increasing inequalities. Hence, examining this matter through a human rights lens is an imperative.

We acknowledge the pressing need to develop robust infrastructure that prioritizes the provision of care and support work for everyone, regardless of their circumstances.

Furthermore, we commend the core group's constructive approach, reflecting their openness to diverse perspectives on the issue.

While it is important that unpaid care and support work is duly recognized and equitably distributed, it still needs to be emphasized that we cannot altogether stigmatize paid care work being done by women. There are various socio-economic as well as personal considerations that come into play in choosing to do paid care and support work.

Given the novel nature of this discussion, we recognize that not all facets of the debate could have been fully captured. However, as the conversation progresses, we are confident that we can address the diverse dimensions of this intricate and vital subject.

We look forward to the thematic study and workshop as has been proposed in the draft resolution. And given the significance and relevance of this issue, we will join consensus on L.6/Rev.1.

I thank you!