



Pakistan's pledging statement, delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, Deputy Representative during the Human Rights 75 High-Level Event
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**High Commissioner,
Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,**

The principles of human dignity, equality and freedom enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights lie at the core of Pakistan's Constitution.

The 75th anniversary of the Declaration is a solemn occasion to renew our shared commitment to universal human rights.

Pakistan has always contributed to the development of international human rights law and norms, and helped bridge diverse perspectives.

We are proud of the important contributions of Pakistani delegate Begum Shaista Ikramullah in drafting the UDHR, especially related to women rights.

In the last 75 years, we have witnessed significant progress across the global human rights landscape, yet challenges remain.

From occupied Jammu and Kashmir to Palestine, generations of people have been subject to barbarity. We urge the international community to deliver to the oppressed what the Declaration promised 75 years ago.

Pakistan pledges, *inter alia*:

- i. To continue to lend political, moral, and diplomatic support to the occupied people of Jammu and Kashmir and Palestine.
- ii. To build partnerships in countering the growing problem of religious intolerance, hatred, and Islamophobia worldwide.

Thank you.