



Explanation of Vote before the Vote, delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, DPR, during adoption of the draft resolution entitled “Contribution of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Year of the Family”

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Mr. President,

We appreciate the efforts of core-group Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore for presenting this important initiative and holding transparent consultations.

Being part of the Group of Friends on Family and recognizing the Family as a central unit of society we attach great importance to this draft text, which we understand is based on core human rights principles.

L.24/Rev1 reaffirms the importance of family and its contribution in upholding universal human rights principles. Considering the observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2024, this text is timely in reiterating importance of actions to strengthen family-oriented policies and programme that promote and protect the human rights of all family members.

In line with article 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State. This article also presents a well-defined structure of family.

We take note of the important aspects highlighted in the resolution such as impact of inter alia climate change, covid-19 disease, migration, and technological advancement on families.

We support all efforts towards family empowerment and protection and assistance of the family should remain a priority area for our discussions in the Council and at other fora.

We trust that the proposed thematic study on the role of family-centered interventions in the promotion and protection of human rights and in sustainable development, would be very useful for all member states.

Considering the significance of the resolution in upholding fundamental human rights principles and reinvigoration of efforts to ensure protection of family unit in upholding human rights and promoting development, we trust that members states will join consensus.

I thank you!