



**National statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, during the
Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on Truth, Justice and Reparation
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Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for his comprehensive report and mapping out the international legal standards which provide the basis for the five pillars of transitional justice.

We echo the SR's call that States ought to uphold their legal obligations in relation to the five pillars of truth, justice, reparations, guarantees of non-repetition and memorialization.

We share SR's views that some States use their institutional powers to cover human rights violations and in some cases there is de facto impunity for the perpetrators of such grave violations of human rights.

We underline that recurrence of grave human rights violations can only be precluded by instituting effective, independent and impartial accountability processes that tear down various layers of impunity enjoyed by the perpetrators. States have a duty to ensure that these perpetrators are tried effectively under the law.

Regrettably, impunity for these criminals reigns supreme in many situations of armed conflicts. However, the most glaring example of continued impunity resulting in repeated massive violations of human rights and systematic oppression are evident among the illegal occupiers of UN Security Council recognized disputed territories.

In these territories, the absence of accountability has resulted in the loss of thousands of lives, systematic violation of their dignity and rights enabled by oppressive laws which deeply entrench impunity.

We appreciate that the SR has highlighted various aspects of this thematic issue. We hope his report will help sharpen focus on the actual situation of gross human rights violations in such situations.

I thank you!