



**National statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, during Interactive Dialogue with
Special Rapporteur on negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the
enjoyment of human rights
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Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for the comprehensive report.

We echo the concerns expressed by the SR on the adverse impact of unilateral sanctions on various aspects of the right to health, including access to healthcare, vaccination, prevention of diseases, access to tests, medicine and medical equipment in these countries.

We reaffirm that UCMs contravene the UN Charter and international human rights law. We share concerns over the continued growth in proliferation of unilateral sanctions in support of foreign policy goals.

The evidence clearly points out that these measures themselves undermine several interlocking human rights of affected populations.

We agree with the SR that sanctions can only be implemented with authorization of the UN Security Council with due account for peoples' humanitarian needs.

Mr. President,

The affected countries need international support in recovering better and stronger from the current multifaceted crisis.

We hope the SR's recommendations will be carefully examined by relevant states.

I thank you!