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41st SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

General Comments by Pakistan to Resolution -A_HRC_41_L.17_Rev.1
The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights

Mr. President,

We are grateful to China for having taken the initiative to table draft resolution on the L.17_Rev.1 entitled 'The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights'.

The right to development is universal and inalienable right with the human person at the center of the benefits of development being the main participant and beneficiary. States must cooperate with each other to ensure development and eliminate all obstacles to it.

This draft simply reemphasizes a cause-effect link which is largely recognized by the international community that development makes a significant contribution to the realization of all human rights for all individuals. This is also in line with the principles established in the UN Declaration on Right to Development.

Pakistan is fully committed to the promotion and protection of all universally recognized human rights, including the right to development, which is a universal and inalienable right and is an integral part of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms. It is in this spirit that we have co-sponsored this draft resolution. We encourage all States Members of the Human Rights Council to support this initiative.

I thank you.