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**41st SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**Introduction by Pakistan to Amendment A/HRC/41/L.37 to draft  
resolution A/HRC/41/L.6/Rev.1**

**Mr. President,**

Fighting violence against women and girls is one of the main priorities of policy of Government of Pakistan. We would like to bring an end to such acts and believe that we can achieve this by joint efforts made by states and civil society to prevent violence, protect victims and hold to account those responsible.

We would like to thank the co-sponsors for their constructive approach to the work on this resolution. However, we are compelled to make this amendment A/HRC/41/L.37 to the text. We do not agree with the comments made by Mexico underlying our amendment. There are certain phrases in the resolution which are not in line with the existing provisions in international human rights law, that are generally accepted by all States. We regret that even though it did not enjoy considerable cross-regional support and repeated objections were raised throughout the informals.

Education is extraordinarily important for preventing violence against women and girls; however, we do not understand why the authors emphasize informing and educating women and girls about sexuality and making that a guideline. We think that this could be damaging to the wellbeing of girls and contravenes Article-17 of CRC. We cannot support this approach. We think Human Rights education and not education in the field of sexuality should be a fundamental instrument in eradicating and eliminating discrimination against girls. We therefore propose to remove from the text draft resolution A/HRC/41/L.6/Rev.1 reference to Comprehensive sexuality education. We call on Members of the Council to support our amendment.

I thank you.