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Statement by Pakistan
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Mr. President,

Technical cooperation and capacity building lie at the very heart of Human Rights Council’s mandated tasks. As human rights related challenges abound, it is only reasonable to expect that this useful instrument at the Council’s disposal should be utilized in full observance of the principles of transparency, objectivity, and non-politicization.

Each State faces different kind of challenges in the domain of human rights. Thus, there is no “one-size-fits-all” solution. The Council needs to be more innovative and accurate while designing cooperation packages and should take into full consideration the national context and circumstances.

Mr. President,

Pakistan strongly believes in full subscription to the principles established in the UNGA resolution 60/251 and IB Package regarding the technical cooperation and capacity building. They should neither be misused for advancing parochial interests nor as an excuse for interference in internal affairs.

Being primarily responsible for promotion and protection of human rights, technical cooperation and capacity-building must be offered with consultations and consent of the concerned State. This will ensure national ownership and sustainability of results in the long-term.

Mr. President,

Strong cross-linkages exist between the 2030 Agenda and technical cooperation and capacity building arm of the Council. To positively exploit these linkages, we must channelize sufficient resources for realization of the right to development. In the wider context, this will help the international

community to achieve both its human rights and sustainable development agenda in an efficient and mutually reinforcing manner.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to highlight that the UN Voluntary Trust Fund to Support Participation of LDCs and SIDS in the work of the Council play an important role. Pakistan has supported the trust fund and would continue to do so in future.

I thank you, Mr. President.