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42nd SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
Interactive Dialogue with the Advisory Committee

Statement by Pakistan
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Mr. President,

We thank the members of the Advisory Committee for their hard work. The members of the Advisory Committee have shown high level of professionalism and commitment which is visible from their reports.

2. We aspire that the work of the Advisory Committee continues to be guided by the principles of objectivity, independence, non-politicization and unbiased manner. Pakistan fully supports the work of the Advisory Committee and considers it important for the promotion of the human rights agenda.

3. We understand that few of the timeline of submission of few of the reports has been extended. Considering the important themes of these reports, we look forward for their timely presentation.

4. In view of the contemporary challenges addressed by them, a number of reports assigned to the Advisory Committee are of particular importance to us. Advisory Committee's study on the "*on the possibility of utilizing non-repatriated illicit funds to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*" is of particular importance for the developing world. The basic human rights of their citizens are adversely affected by the outflow of funds/money of illicit origin and illegal transfer as well as its non-repatriation despite their origin in corruption, looted or plundered money.

5. Such funds must be repatriated to the countries of origin from safe havens and appropriate international mechanisms and process must be developed. The UN member States must cooperate with each other on the repatriation of these funds to their rightful owners.

6. We are also looking forward to seeing the Advisory Committee's study "*The negative effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of all human rights*". We hope that the report will objectively assess the subject, including State sponsored terrorism, particularly in the Occupied Territories where terrorism is being used as a justification to commit human rights violations and suppress the legitimate struggle of the people to end the occupation.

I thank you Mr. President.