



## **Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN** **Geneva**

### **National Statement, delivered by Ambassador Tahir Hussain Andrabi, Deputy Permanent Representative, during the Organizational Meeting on the Methods of work of the Consultative Group**

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Madam President,

Pakistan on behalf of the OIC has remain engaged during the consultations on the Working Methods of the Consultative Group.

It was our endeavor to make draft reflective of IB package and aimed at achieving the principles highlighted in therein especially related to gender balance, equitable geographic representation as well as representation of different legal systems. We also requested for the provision of disaggregated data on these core elements for better understanding the situation since the establishment of the Council.

Regrettable, our core concerns have not been accommodated. We made specific proposals in paras 23, 30 and 34 bis to reflect elements on dual nationality and provision of disaggregated data. The issue of dual nationality is well within the scope of IB package as it further elaborates geographic representation. It helps in operationalizing the objective of equitable geographic representation. As we added element of multilingualism to facilitate wider expression of interests from different regions, the focus on dual nationality would help in facilitating better geographic representation.

Given above dynamics, there is no consensus within OIC and by extension in the house on the draft PRST.

In order to reach at consensus and to reflect cross-regional views, decision on this PRST may be deferred till further consultations. In a spirit of constructive engagement, we may reconsider these Working Methods at another Organizational Meeting.

I thank you