



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

### **National Statement, delivered by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the UN, Geneva during the Organizational Meeting on the Working Methods of the Consultative Group**

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**Madam President,**

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

It was our endeavor to work for a consensus document that improves the working of Consultative Group, and is in line with key principles of Institution Building (IB) package.

Accordingly, our proposals sought to operationalize the key principles of IB package related to gender balance, equitable geographical representation and the representation of appropriate legal systems. Such an elaboration caters to diversity and promotes inclusion, thereby enhancing the credibility of the mechanism.

The current draft, on balance, captures the essential elements, even though it falls short of everyone's expectations. What is important is the dialogue and engagement that shaped the final outcome before the Council. We hope that the codification of existing practices of the Consultative Group would advance the objectives of the IB package and also facilitate the process of appointment of Special Procedures by the Council.

We also thank the President and other stakeholders for their efforts in this regard.

**Madam President,**

I also take this opportunity to commend you for ably performing this demanding role. Your able Bureau also demonstrated commitment to carry out their tasks. The Secretariat also deserve our appreciation for professional excellence. This year was indeed a challenging one, especially when we were grappling with COVID-19 pandemic and liquidity crisis. We again thank you madam President for steering this important body during these challenging times.



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