



**National Statement by Pakistan during the 11th UN Forum on
Business and Human Rights
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Madam Chair,

We thank the panelists for their insightful views.

Pakistan remains committed to the United Nations Guiding Principles, also known as the “Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework”.

These Guiding Principles are grounded in recognizing the States’ primary responsibility in protecting human rights, critical role of business enterprises in the society and the need for effective legal remedies.

Madam Chair,

In line with these principles, Pakistan has enacted its first five-year National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights (2021-2026).

The NAP aims to protect the fundamental rights of citizens against any violations resulting from business activities.

Pakistan has also established numerous quasi judicial bodies such as National Human Rights Commission to address human rights violations including matters arising in work places.

Madam Chair,

We have constructively engaged with the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises with Respect to Human Rights.

While supporting the initiative, we have emphasized the need for broader consultations to develop consensus on key contours of a legally binding instrument.



We reiterate, the importance to differentiate between TNCs, SMEs and local businesses. In addition, the UN Guiding Principles are silent on extraterritorial obligations especially in the context of multinational corporations; there is a need to bridge this gap.

Madam Chair,

The Post pandemic period and financial challenges faced by developing countries demand a people-centred approach.

In this context, there is a need to take a holistic view of role of business enterprises in supporting states' efforts to deal with the development challenges and to promote human rights especially social and economic rights.

We assure the Chair of our constructive engagement and contribution.

I thank you!