



**Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN  
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**Statement by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan,  
at the Plenary Meeting of the Conference on Disarmament  
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**Mr. President,**

On behalf of Pakistan delegation, I congratulate you on assuming the Presidency of the Conference.

We are confident you will steer the Conference ably. We assure you of our support and constructive engagement.

Thank you for outlining your plan of plenary meetings during the coming weeks. We welcome your proposal on organizing a discussion on Cybersecurity. This is an important area and deserves more attention at the Conference.

We recognize the contribution made by Ambassador Yang Hwang to the work of this body. His diplomatic skills and commitment have been rightly recognized. We wish him success in his future endeavours.

Ambassador Hwang has made some important observations. My delegation fully agrees with him that multilateralism is the only way possible. Yet, this statement raises several questions such as what does multilateralism mean? Does it mean the same thing to everyone? Does it work for everybody or only some? What would it take to make multilateralism work for everyone? How can that conversation begin and yield something that we all aspire: a more secure, peaceful and prosperous world for all. I would not like to dwell on these issues now but would revert at some point in time and welcome a debate on it.

**Mr. President,**

We appreciate the feedback on the work of the subsidiary bodies and agree that work of all subsidiary bodies needs to conclude at an early date. My delegation would continue to participate actively and constructively to finalize all reports as soon as possible and by consensus.

We continue to believe that all subsidiary bodies should be able to agree on reports that are substantive, objective and comprehensive in content. In order to do so, it remains important for all subsidiary bodies to discuss their reports fully and take on board all relevant positions in a balanced manner.

While we support the notion of finalizing all reports as early as possible, we should all allow for necessary flexibility in terms of time and informal meetings if one or two reports require further deliberation or discussion.

**Mr. President,**

As I stated last week, it is in the interest of every member of the Conference to demonstrate necessary flexibility. It is also essential that all coordinators take on board the views of all delegations while drafting the report and exploring modalities for reaching agreement on the reports by consensus.

**I thank you.**

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