



National Statement, delivered by Mr. Junaid Suleman, during General Debate Item 5
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Mr. President,

We align with the OIC statement.

We recognize the valuable contributions of the Council's allied mechanisms and bodies in advancing the global human rights agenda.

With a spirit of genuine dialogue, Pakistan constructively engages with these important components of the UN human rights architecture.

We have extended invitation for country visits to four special procedures, and submitted periodic reports under CAT, ICCPR, CRC, IESCR, and CEDAW during the last one year.

Mr. President,

We believe that the Council's allied mechanisms are most effective when they maintain the highest standards of objectivity, transparency, impartiality and professionalism.

We wish to underline the importance of ensuring equitable geographical representation within the Special Procedures system. This is vital for advancing better understanding of different cultural, legal, and social perspectives by the UN human rights architecture.

We remain committed to the full and balanced implementation of UNGA Resolution 68/268 for further strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the treaty body system.

In discharging their respective mandates, treaty bodies must be mindful of the fact that State Parties' international human rights obligations are not predicated upon the evolving academic discourse on human rights or interpretations preferred only by one group of states but stem from the agreed principles and provisions of the respective conventions.

Mr. President,

The situations of foreign occupation represent human rights emergencies due to the sheer scale and magnitude of abuses, being inflicted by occupation powers with complete impunity under cover of draconian laws.

In this regard, Pakistan reiterates its call that the Special Procedures should pay special attention towards monitoring and public reporting of dire human rights conditions in the UN recognized situations of foreign occupation, including one in the South Asia.

I thank you!