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Pakistan's Statement on China's alleged discrimination based on race, religion, national extraction and social origin affecting ethnic and religious minorities in Xinjiang

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Honorable Chair,

Pakistan has observed the proceedings of this Committee very closely and has noted statements made by the social partners and the governments. We have taken note of the Committee for the report and thank the Chairperson, Vice Chairs, office and tripartite constituents for their contributions.

We believe that objectives and the purposes of the ILO and this committee are best advanced by addressing issues in the spirit of tripartite cooperation and by promoting social dialogue, while respecting the national sovereignty of states and recognizing that they have engaged with the committee constructively.

Given experience, resorting to exceptional measures may be inadvisable. Dialogue and engagement aimed at securing cooperation of the concerned country and improvement of labour standards and promotion of social justice should remain the priority.

Chairperson,

The most sustainable and result oriented conclusions are those that are formulated in the spirit of tripartite cooperation, transparency and convey actual sense of the discussions in the room.

We are of the view that conclusion of individual country cases must be drawn upon evidence and facts from reliable sources of information while giving due and balanced consideration to all comments of made in the discussion.

We have said this earlier and would reiterate that it is important to refrain from politicizing the work of ILO supervisory mechanisms and this Committee.

Objectivity is the first victim of politicization and contravenes the humancentered approach that we advocated in the ILO Centenary Declaration and reaffirm every year especially in the post-pandemic world of work.