



**Statement on behalf of the OIC Group, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, during General Debate Item 6**  
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**Mr. President,**

The OIC group reaffirms its support for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process as one of the key success stories of this Council.

This is signified by the high level of participation of member states and continued steps taken by member states in legislative, policy and administrative domains, pursuant to the recommendations received during their respective UPR reviews.

Through a constructive dialogue in the entirety of a UPR cycle, States have demonstrated tangible progress in the promotion and protection of all human rights including through introducing voluntarily policy and institutional reforms.

The preparation of national reports outlining national achievements, sharing of best practices, compilations of civil society, UN contributions and the opportunity to offer constructive feedback have played an enormous role in strengthening the process and ensuring its success.

We also appreciate the role of civil society organizations and national human rights institutions during the UPR process.

We reaffirm that the UPR cycles should be guided by similar spirit of constructive engagement and the salience of this unique process is preserved.

As the fourth UPR cycle is underway, we would like to reiterate that the principles of universality, impartiality, transparency, equal treatment, voluntary and peer review nature be protected to ensure the sanctity of the process.

The OIC also supports the two voluntary funds related to UPR. These funds have enabled enhanced participation of developing countries in the UPR, as well as, meaningfully helping them in implementation of the agreed recommendations.

It would be immensely useful to strengthen this mechanism as a source of furthering technical cooperation with and enhancing capacity building of member states.



We take this opportunity to commend the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for its continued support and role in smooth and efficient conduct of proceedings of the UPR process.

I thank you!