



National Statement during the sixth session of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, delivered by Third Secretary, Mr. Danyal Hasnain

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We thank the members of Expert Mechanism for their valuable work and studies.

Pakistan accords great importance to the right to development; it is a universal and inalienable right that forms an integral part of fundamental human rights.

We reaffirm the importance of protection and promotion of all human rights in a fair and equal manner.

We reiterate the significant linkage between reinforcing dimensions of the right to development and other human rights-- including civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. The operationalization and effective realization of this right is crucial in meeting human needs and promoting wellbeing of individuals especially of most vulnerable segments of the society.

Right to development is inseparably linked to people's right to life, nutrition, and wellbeing. However, to promote the standards of living of the people in developing states, enhanced international and national efforts are required, as enshrined in UDHR.

In line with the spirit of UN Declaration on right to development, we underscore the importance of both national efforts as well as international cooperation in overcoming obstacles undermining the effective realization of right to development.

Mr. Chair,

The global financial crunch is fueling rampant poverty, energy crisis and food insecurity. Rising inequalities between and among states are impeding progress towards achieving SDGs. These shared challenges require cooperation and collaboration including addressing the issues of liquidity crunch, debt restructuring, as well as promoting transparency in global financial and taxation architecture.

We have noted that the expert mechanism is conducting studies on important topics such as 'Inequalities and the Right to Development' and 'The Right to Development in International Investment Law'.

Both of these thematic studies have greater significance for the countries from global south.



The first thematic study has great significance in the exceedingly polarized world that we live in today. Global cooperation needs to be enhanced to fulfill people's needs and realize human respect, dignity and fundamental freedoms for all.

Considering substantial inequalities within and among states, we trust that your study would examine systemic drivers which fuel inequality – from all perspectives including factors such as racial, ethnic and religious discrimination. We need to bridge this gap to ensure that fundamental rights of everyone are protected.

Furthermore, we would also draw your attention to the need to enhance transparency in the decision-making processes of global financial institutions and credit-rating agencies. Your focus on this area in the studies would be greatly beneficial, especially to the developing states.

Likewise, in the international investment laws there are certain gaps that function to the detriment of states, especially the Global South. These gaps must be filled by inserting elements that protect the interests of the developing states in the field of international investments these laws should be better aligned nationally and internationally agreed development objectives.

We look forward to hearing your valued opinion on these important issues and assure you of our constructive engagement.

I thank you!