



National Statement by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary during the Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children, including Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and other Child Sexual Abuse
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Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for the report.

Pakistan reaffirms its commitment to our obligations under the Convention on the Rights of Child (CRC) and the Optional Protocols.

By adopting various policy, administrative and legislative measures, we have been pursuing a zero-tolerance policy in combating abuse of rights of children and providing them with an enabling environment for psychological wellbeing.

To further strengthen the legal framework and improve law enforcement on protecting children from abuse, Pakistan's Parliament passed the **Zainab Alert, Response and Recovery Act 2020** to raise electronic alerts in real time, and recover missing children.

Mr. President,

We recognize the Special Rapporteur's work and the measures recommended to prevent and protect the child from sexual abuse and steps for rehabilitation of child victims.

However, we stress that such measures should be corresponding to socio-cultural context of each country.

Also, there is a need to emphasize the importance of sustained engagement and cooperation for eliminating inequalities and disparities within and among countries and addressing underlying socioeconomic challenges.

It must also be highlighted that due to the massive revenues generated by the huge pornographic industry, globally, any measures to combat the scourge of sexual exploitation of children requires concrete steps taken for demand destruction of this menace.

I thank you.