



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN

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Statement

Draft Resolution on Human Rights Situation in Iran

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Explanation of Vote before the Vote

Madam President,

The Human Rights Council should exercise its mandated functions, in full adherence to the principles of impartiality, objectivity, and transparency. As laid down in the UNGA resolution 60/251, the Council and its allied mechanisms should work to promote and deepen constructive engagement, cooperation and dialogue among States.

The cardinal principle of the UN human rights architecture is that States have the primary responsibility for promotion and protection of basic rights of their citizens, in accordance with their applicable international obligations. They are best placed to identify their domestic human rights challenge, and present the way forward. Therefore, the Council should focus on supporting States in implementing their priorities on the human rights front.

Madam President,

We believe that cooperation, and engagement, not estrangement, is the best approach for addressing human rights situations. It is important to listen to perspective of the country concerned and undertake a holistic and objective assessment before jumping to conclusions. The global human rights agenda is best served by two-way communication and mutual consent, particularly when dealing with sovereign UN Member States and the UN recognized undisputed territories they control.

Since the resolution under consideration is not in conformity with the well-established principles, which should guide work of the Council and its allied human rights mechanisms, and does not enjoy support of the country concerned, Pakistan would like to call for a vote and vote against the resolution.

I thank you, Madam President.