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National statement, delivered by Ambassador Tahir Hussain Andrabi, Deputy Permanent Representative, during Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on IDPs at the 44th Session of the Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for presentation of the Report.

It is a matter of serious concern that 1 % of humanity (79.5 million) is displaced, including 45.7 million people displaced within their own countries. A sizeable number of these include disabilities acquired from conflicts and disasters that drive displacements.

Undoubtedly, national governments have the primary responsibility to look after the basic needs of IDPs and enable them to enjoy civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. The international community has a moral and humanitarian obligation to assist the national governments enabling them in progressive achievement of these rights. We agree with the SR that marginalization IDPs with disabilities is a major challenge that requires due consideration to age and gender of the individuals and comprehensive management and legal framework as rectifying measures. International humanitarian assistance should focus on the plight of IDPs with disabilities, based on the principles of neutrality, humanity and impartiality. At all times, the primary role of the concerned State in the initiation, identification, coordination and delivery of humanitarian assistance remains central.

Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement provide a useful framework, guiding for States.

Madam President,

Humanitarian assistance brings immediate relief to the displaced people; however, bringing equitable development and peace is the lasting solution for IDPs. It is imperative to address the two major causes of internal displacement (conflict and disasters), and invest in prevention, preparedness and early warning rather than managing a problem on short term basis. Their rehabilitation and safe resettlement into their homes is the best solution.

Pakistan supports an inclusive and non-discriminatory approach in international humanitarian assistance and national responses taking into account the special needs of vulnerable groups including IDPs.

I thank you.