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**National statement, delivered by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi,
Pakistan Permanent Representative to the UN, during Interactive
Dialogue on Oral update of the High Commissioner on Sudan at 44th
Session of the Human Rights Council**

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Madam President,

We thank the Deputy High Commissioner and Government of Sudan for their oral updates.

We commend the determination of the Sudanese government to reach a comprehensive peace agreement, and its engagement in the peace talks. We also appreciate the participation of the armed groups in the peace talks and urge them to commit to the peace process.

We welcome Sudan's cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner and progress made on human rights, including on the establishment of independent commissions in the Constitution, namely Law Reform Commission, National Human Rights Commission and Transition Justice Commission.

We call upon the OHCHR to continue to provide technical assistance and capacity building to Sudan, to support its efforts to promote and protect the human rights, in consultations with the Government of Sudan and with full respect of its sovereignty.

In conclusion, my delegation calls upon the international community to support Sudan's efforts of peacebuilding and reconstruction, to this end, call for an immediate lift of the economic sanctions.

I thank you.