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### Draft Resolution A/HRC/45/L.24/Rev.1 as orally revised on “Promoting and protecting human rights of women and girls in conflict and post conflict situations on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325” at the 45th session of Human Rights Council

#### Explanation of Vote before the Vote by Pakistan

(07 October 2020)

Madam President,

Pakistan in principle supports enhanced coordination between the Human Rights Council and the UN Security Council in addressing situations of concern. However, this coordination must conform to their respective mandates.

We strongly advise against cherry-picking of thematic areas and transposing them to Geneva.

Arbitrary acts as such as in this case seriously undermine the division of labour as laid out in the UN Charter and other founding documents. It also ‘securitizes’ the human rights agenda.

Such an approach also overburdens the Human Rights Council, where questions on its efficiency and financial resource constraints continue to remain unaddressed.

Madam President,

While we acknowledge some improvement in the text, it suffers from three main deficits:

**One-** The UNSCR 1325 mainly focuses on protecting and promoting rights of women and girls in armed conflict situations. However, the draft resolution blurs the clear distinction between armed and non-armed conflicts situations thereby prescribing provision that are devoid of context and specificity.

**Two-** In terms of its normative approach, the draft text overemphasizes certain sub-themes touched upon by resolution 1325, breaching the integrity and undermining the delicate balance of the original text. Furthermore, the text seeks to embed new notions into the women, peace, and security agenda which lack legal clarity e.g. the concept of intersecting forms of discrimination.

**Third-** The main operative parts of the text create additional obligations for States which have not even been envisaged in UNSC resolution 1325 e.g. asking States to report on



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implementation status of UNSCR 1325 during UPR cycles. Normal country situations are outside the scope of UNSCR resolution 1325, hence outside the remit of UPR process.

Despite these shortcomings, Pakistan will join consensus on the initiative as part of its resolute commitment to protect and promote rights of women and girls.

I thank you.