



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN

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National Statement, delivered by Ambassador Tahir Hussain Andrabi, Deputy Permanent Representative, during Interactive Dialogue with Advisory Committee at the 45th Session of the Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

We thank members of the Advisory Committee for their hard work, professionalism and commitments, which is visible from their reports.

We continue to underscore that the work of the Advisory Committee remains guided by the principles of objectivity, independence and non-politicization. Pakistan fully supports the work of the Advisory Committee and considers it an important mechanism for the promotion of the human rights agenda.

We understand that some of the timelines for submission of few reports has been extended. Considering the important themes of these reports, and the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand the challenges and look forward to their timely presentation.

A number of reports assigned to the Advisory Committee are of particular importance to us challenges therein. The report on the importance of a legally binding instrument on the right to development is one such report. The Right to Development ensures freedom from poverty, a core human right, which in turn enables and facilitates full enjoyment of other basic human rights.

We also look forward to seeing the Advisory Committee's studies entitled "A global call for concrete action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" and "The negative effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of all human rights".

We hope the reports will objectively assess the subjects, including State sponsored terrorism, particularly in the Occupied Territories where terrorism is being used as a justification to commit human rights violations and suppress the legitimate struggle of the people against foreign occupation or alien domination.

I thank you.