



## Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

### Statement

**By Mr. Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative**

Resumed Session of the 73<sup>rd</sup> World Health Assembly (virtual)  
(09-14 November, 2020)

**Agenda item: “Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer”**

**Madam President,**

Pakistan endorses the statement delivered by China on the issue of Taiwan. Pakistan fully supports China's efforts to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

2. In line with iterations of the General Committee, year after year, Pakistan's position is that there is only one China and Taiwan being its integral part, has no right whatsoever to participate in the World Health Organization (WHO) as an observer. Taiwan is China's internal matter.

3. Pakistan opposes any attempt to table Taiwan related proposals that are designed to disrupt the WHA proceedings. Such efforts are divisive, counterproductive and violate the principles of UN Charter.

4. The world is facing an unprecedented crisis caused by the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. The range of challenges posed by this contagion demand coordinated and singular attention.

5. The resumed session of the 73<sup>rd</sup> WHA should accordingly keep its focus on countering the COVID-19 pandemic and other important public health issues of our time. We therefore urge the Assembly not to include the proposed supplementary item.

I thank you.