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Message by Ambassador Munir Akram, the Permanent Representative of Pakistan Mission to the United Nations on End of the Year Review 2021

Pakistan’s Key achievements in the United Nations on Multilateral diplomatic front

2021 was a successful year for Pakistan’s multilateral diplomacy here at the United Nations.

Pakistan successfully concluded its ECOSOC Presidency, we were able to adopt the Ministerial Declaration of the High level Political Forum HLPF by consensus – indication of convergence on the global recovery and SDG agenda.

and we are determined to play a constructive role as a Chair of G77 for the year 2022.

As the next Chair of the Group of 77 and China, Pakistan hopes to work with members of the Group to promote such a development agenda, including: debt restructuring, redistribution of the 650 billion new SDRs to developing countries, larger concessional financing, mobilization of the $100 billion in annual climate finance by the developed countries, ending the billions in illicit financial flows from the developing countries and the
return of their stolen assets, and the creation of an equitable and open trading system and a fair international tax regime.

Pakistan continued to support and raised voice against the military siege, illegal occupation in Jammu and Kashmir and massive human rights violations.

We continued to make the legal, political and moral case for Kashmiri freedom struggle. We underscored that under international law they have the right to resist, with all means at their disposal, and attain their inalienable right to self-determination.

The case was also contained in a Pakistan sponsored resolution on the universal realization of right of peoples to self-determination which was adopted by consensus by the General Assembly.

We also took the lead on combating disinformation through Pakistan sponsored resolution which was adopted with consensus.

Pakistan also raised the issue of Islamophobia in the UN. Our resolution on “inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue” which calls for respect for religious symbols and refers to legitimate restrictions on freedom of expression was adopted by an overwhelming majority by the General Assembly.

2021 proved to be an important year for peace process in Afghanistan. We continue to promote and highlight Pakistan’s key role in facilitating the Afghan’s humanitarian assistance and our efforts to ensure a lasting peace in the region.

The General Assembly also adopted four resolutions tabled by Pakistan on regional disarmament, conventional arms control, and confidence building measures at regional levels and negative security assurances.

As one of the top troop contributors to UN Peacekeeping, Pakistan continued to serve to keep peace in far flung missions.
Pakistan demonstrated strong commitment to the peacekeeping ministerial process.

Pakistan advocated for a strong people-centric international response to Covid-19 based on solidarity and cooperation to support global economic recovery, achievement of the SDGs, while addressing the challenges faced by developing countries.

We have also made a strong call for an equitable and universal access to vaccine, while giving priority to vulnerable groups.

At the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN, we are committed to serve our country to the fullest of our abilities and pursue our national objectives in line with the guidance of our leadership.

We will continue to serve the nation in the coming year as well.

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