



Press Release

**Foreign Minister participates in the Security Council debate on
“Maintenance of International Peace and Security:
New Orientation for Reformed Multilateralism”**

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Today, the Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari participated in the Open Debate of the United Nations Security Council on “Maintenance of International Peace and Security: New Orientation for Reformed Multilateralism” in New York.

In his address, the Foreign Minister underlined Pakistan’s unwavering commitment to multilateralism and the UN Charter as manifested by its successful steering of the Group of 77 and China.

In view of the growing global challenges, the Foreign Minister called for a comprehensive reform of the United Nations and its different organs, as well as democratization of the global financial and economic institutions.

Recalling his decision to convene a special ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 and China as the current Chair, the Foreign Minister also stressed the importance of deliberating and adopting a plan for emergency actions and systemic reforms in the international financial, trade and technology architecture to ease the suffering of a billion people in the global South and realize the SDGs and climate goals.

The Foreign Minister also presented a concrete plan of action for reviving effective multilateralism by urging the Security Council to:

- promote multilateral solutions through active involvement of the Security Council and the Secretary-General;
- reaffirm universal and consistent adherence to the fundamental principles of the UN Charter and ensure strict implementation and compliance of its own resolutions;
- address the underlying causes of conflict, such as foreign occupation and suppression of the recognized right of peoples of self-determination; and
- act pre-emptively to prevent and avert conflicts before they occur and seek resolution of conflicts and disputes, not merely “manage” them.

Regarding the reform of the Security Council, the Foreign Minister underscored that this issue must be decided by consensus and should further improve democratization of the Council. He cautioned that attempts by some large member states to seek permanent membership of the Council for themselves would create new centers of privilege which could derail the reform process and exacerbate divisions. He urged that the Member States must be allowed the necessary time and space to evolve a solution acceptable to the entire UN membership.

The Foreign Minister also called on India, who was chairing the meeting as part of the Security Council's monthly presidency, to prove their commitment to multilateralism by implementing the resolutions of the Security Council on Jammu and Kashmir. He underscored that parties to a dispute cannot advocate multilateral processes one day and insist on "bilateral" avenues the day after and ultimately impose unilateral solutions.