

Press Release

## <u>Pakistan presents its vision and priorities for UN Security</u> <u>Council Candidacy at WFUNA debate</u>

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Pakistan's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Usman Iqbal Jadoon, outlined Pakistan's vision and priorities for its candidacy for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for the term 2025-2026 during the UN Security Council election debate organized by the World Federation of UN Associations (WFUNA) at the UN headquarters today.

Ambassador Jadoon expressed gratitude to WFUNA for providing the platform to present Pakistan's stance and emphasized Pakistan's unwavering commitment to the principles and purposes of the UN Charter since its independence in 1947. He said that Pakistan has consistently advocated for peace, prosperity, and respect for human rights on the global stage.

Highlighting the contemporary challenges to the UN Charter's vision, Ambassador Jadoon underscored the importance of addressing violations of its principles, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, escalating conflicts, geopolitical tensions, and the repercussions of climate change. He also noted the emergence of new technological domains of conflict.

The Pakistan deputy UN envoy said that if elected to the Security Council for the term 2025-2026, Pakistan pledges to tackle these challenges with a comprehensive set of priorities, including:

- Promotion of adherence to the UN Charter and its principles
- Pursuit of just and peaceful dispute resolutions
- Advocacy for multilateralism and opposition to unilateral use of force
- Comprehensive approach to counter-terrorism
- Support for effective UN peacekeeping and peace-building efforts
- Commitment to peace and stability in South Asia and Afghanistan
- Advocacy for African solutions to African challenges
- Promotion of peace and security in the Middle East, particularly addressing the issue of Palestine
- Enhancement of the role and influence of elected Security Council members
- Promotion of democracy, transparency, and accountability within the Council.



Ambassador Jadoon highlighted Pakistan's past contributions during its previous tenures on the Security Council, emphasizing its active role in promoting fair and just decisions and advocating for the interests of all Member States.

Ambassador Jadoon reaffirmed Pakistan's dedication to promoting a peaceful and equitable world order through adherence to the UN Charter and international law. He pledged Pakistan's commitment to upholding the principles of the Charter and fulfilling its responsibilities effectively if elected to the Security Council for the term 2025-2026.

"Pakistan believes it can contribute effectively to enable the Security Council to discharge its mandate for the maintenance of international peace and security."

Ambassador Jadoon expressed gratitude to the Asia-Pacific Group for endorsing Pakistan's candidacy and sought the cooperation of all Member States in supporting Pakistan's election to the Security Council.

