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Pakistan Advocates for Equitable Access to Scientific Knowledge and Technology for Developing Countries

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Pakistan has emphasized the urgent need to remove barriers preventing equitable and non-discriminatory access to scientific knowledge, equipment, materials, and technology, including its transfer to developing nations.

Speaking at the UN Security Council's Arria-Formula meeting on "Unlocking the Potential of Science for Peace and Security," Pakistan's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Usman Jadoon, highlighted the critical role of scientific advancements in fostering peace and security.

Ambassador Jadoon stated, "Unless fair and equitable access to new and emerging technologies is provided to developing countries, and all undue restrictions removed, the Global South will lag even further behind in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)."

He underscored the transformative power of science in improving lives and anticipating threats through climate modeling, disease surveillance, and early warning systems. He also noted the dual-use nature of modern technologies, including the risks posed by AI-enabled autonomous weapons and the convergence of AI with information warfare.

This convergence, he explained, has led to the proliferation of disinformation and hybrid warfare, which fuels social discord and discrimination.

Ambassador Jadoon highlighted Pakistan's significant strides in nuclear technology, space exploration, and biotechnology. He reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to leveraging scientific advancements for progress and stability.

"New and emerging technologies play an undeniable role in the progress of any society and in maintaining international peace and security when used in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter," he said.

The Pakistan deputy UN envoy reiterated Pakistan's concerns about the unregulated military applications of emerging technologies and supported calls for establishing legally-binding norms to regulate their use, ensuring regional and global stability.

He said that Pakistan reaffirmed its commitment to unlocking the potential of science for peace and progress, advocating for responsible scientific practices and international cooperation to build a safer and more prosperous future.