



**Ambassador Aamir Khan Deputy Permanent Representative
delivering Explanation of Vote on the resolution on Afghanistan
contained in document A/77/L.11.,in the General Assembly
today on the Situation in Afghanistan
(November 10, 2022)**

Mr. President,

Pakistan abstained in the vote on the resolution on Afghanistan contained in document A/77/L.11.

We have participated actively in the informal consultations and appreciate that some of our suggestions were accommodated by Germany and the co-sponsors.

We welcome the acknowledgment of Pakistan's role in hosting Afghan refugees and facilitating evacuations from Afghanistan; recognition of the threats to Afghanistan's immediate neighbours; the call on Afghanistan to take concrete steps against all terrorist organizations, the caution expressed against attempts to derail peace and stability in Afghanistan; the need for "sustained engagement of the international community with Afghanistan"; the importance of regional connectivity projects; and acknowledgment of the general amnesty measures and the ban on opium cultivation announced by Afghanistan.

Pakistan welcomes the resolution's call for commitment to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Afghanistan and the need to overcome the security challenges. We also endorse the expressed desire to ensure the protection of human rights, including the rights of women, promote inclusive governance and eliminate terrorism within and from Afghanistan.

Nevertheless, the resolution remains unbalanced and, in several respects, unrealistic. It does not acknowledge that there is a de-facto new government in Afghanistan. It does not delineate any process to promote normalization in Afghanistan through a process of engagement with the de-facto government. There is no commitment to unfreeze Afghanistan's national reserves, and no commitment to help Afghanistan's economic recovery beyond humanitarian assistance.

In particular, Pakistan is disappointed that one delegation was allowed to block references to the specific mention of terrorist organizations including the TTP as well as references to the role and contributions of the OIC to peace and stability in Afghanistan.

Therefore, we do not consider this resolution's provisions as sufficiently comprehensive or realistic as a framework for promoting the objectives of peace, security, development and human rights in Afghanistan.

For these reasons, and while acknowledging the efforts of the cosponsors, my delegation has been constrained to abstain in the vote on this resolution.

I thank you.