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Statement by Pakistan on the Report of the Office of the
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on Sri Lanka
Agenda item 2

Mr. President,

Pakistan has always supported Sri Lanka in its efforts to overcome terrorist and separatist elements over the last 30 years. We believe that after the end of struggle against terrorism, the people of Sri Lanka deserve the support and assistance of international community to rebuild their country.

Despite the challenges of last three decades, Sri Lanka has remained a free and democratic society.

Those who have been critical of Sri Lanka's efforts to overcome terrorism and separatism funded from abroad would do well to look at their own track record on the so-called war on terror.

Mr. President,

Within the Human Rights Council, Pakistan has always maintained that if indeed a recourse is to be made to a country-specific resolution to address the human rights situation, the only choice is to pursue a resolution acceptable by the country concerned. We welcome the fact that after several years this approach has been accepted by the sponsors of the resolution on Sri Lanka.

As a sovereign and proud nation, Sri Lanka has the right to chart its own course in pursuing its domestic agenda. As a long-standing and reliable friend of Sri Lanka, Pakistan will continue to extend its unconditional support.

I thank you.