**Ambassador Khalil Hashmi’s remarks at the UN Compound on occasion of Member States Briefing on the Implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for China**

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**Mr Siddharth Chatterjee, the UN Resident Coordinator,**

**Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good Afternoon,**

The world today faces complex challenges in the domains of peace and development. No nation can address them alone. The solution lies only in multilateralism, driven by consultation, mediation and collaboration across borders and regions. It is in this context that I thank the organizers of today’s event for inviting me to speak on a topic of paramount importance: *‘the powerful and transformative role of South-South, North-South and multilateral cooperation’.*

Over the past few decades, South-South cooperation has emerged as dynamic force for global development. It has fostered an environment where countries can share knowledge, expertise and resources, and crucially, where they can collectively shape the future of their development agenda. From Pakistan’s experience, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), launched in 2013, is a shining testament to South-South Cooperation. As a transformative project, the CPEC has played a pivotal role in strengthening the transport and energy infrastructure of Pakistan, while enhancing connectivity, generating livelihoods and improving the lives of our two peoples. But the impact of CPEC has been beyond the economic gains. Under this flagship project of BRI, our cooperation has been an impetus to our mutual trust, common understanding and enduring friendship.

Drawing lessons from the CPEC experience, I firmly believe that by coming together, countries of the Global South can pool their knowledge, share their lessons and exchanges best practices for win-win cooperation. It is about leveraging our collective wisdom, resources and experiences to tackle shared challenges such as poverty, infrastructure gaps and the climate crisis. Through cooperation, we can empower one another and find solutions that are tailored to our unique contexts and realities.

I feel proud to share with you that Pakistan has consistently played a proactive role in the promotion of South-South cooperation at the United Nations, recognizing it as a vital driver of sustainable development and global solidarity. As a founding member of the Group of 77 (&China), Pakistan has advocated for the equitable representation and voices of developing nations in the global decision-making. Having said that, we have contributed to the work of United Nations and its specialized agencies as a manifestation of our commitment not just to the cause of developing nations but also to uphold the principles and purposes of multilateralism.

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While appreciating the unique strengths of South-South Cooperation, we must also highlight its harmonious relationship with North-South Cooperation. The conceptual frameworks for both these modes of international cooperation are not mutually exclusive per se, rather they are mutually supportive and complementary. A collaborative approach - one that combines the resilience and ingenuity of the Global South with the capacities of the Global North – will unlock new opportunities for growth, accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals, and help build a more equitable, just and peaceful world.

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As we look to the future, it is important to advance South-South, North-South and Trilateral Cooperation as the multiple facets of multilateralism. The United Nations, with its advocacy and practical support to these forms of cooperation, serves as our guiding entity in charting the future. We must support the United Nations as it seeks to resolve the complex challenges and unprecedented crisis by advancing the normative frameworks of dialogue, cooperation and collective action. Pakistan remains steadfast in its commitment to a UN-led multilateral order, recognizing the United Nations as the cornerstone of global peace, security, and cooperation. We strongly believe that the United Nations provides an essential platform for all nations, big and small, to have a voice in shaping the global governance architecture. Pakistan will continue to lend its voice to strengthen the United Nations for the collective good of humanity.

Thank you

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