

Ambassador's remarks at Seminar to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Lawful Seat of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations

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**Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Good Morning,**

It is indeed a great honour for me to attend this important seminar at the auspicious occasion of 50th anniversary of restoration of lawful seat of People's Republic of China at the United Nations.

I congratulate Chinese Peoples Institute of Foreign Affairs for organizing this Forum and giving me an opportunity to share my thoughts with the learned audience about China's contribution to the U.N causes in last fifty years.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The history of multilateral diplomacy testifies to this reality that international organizations could only succeed in fulfilment of their founding mission if they are invested with legitimacy and power to implement their agenda.

Seen from this perspective, the United Nations sans China's membership was wanting in international legitimacy and authority it desperately needed. The restoration of China's lawful seat in the United Nations thus marked a major milestone in the modern history of multilateral diplomacy. It reinvigorated the U.N system and bestowed it with a new vigour and authority it was thitherto bereft of.

Distinguished Guests,

In last fifty years, China has made a remarkable contribution to the growth and development of multilateralism. As one of the founding members of the United Nations and a permanent member of the UNSC, its sincere commitment to the U.N causes has won it the deserved admiration of the international community and inspired many other nations to pursue United Nations objectives and implement its Sustainable Development Goals with the similar zeal and enthusiasm.

After assuming U.N membership, China deeply integrated itself with the international community and played a leading role for shaping global political, economic and normative architecture.

Its peaceful economic rise has given a new fillip to the onward march of globalization and stabilized global economic and trade landscape. Its powerful voice in support of oppressed people have instilled them with a new inspiration to continue their lawful struggle for dignity and honour.

Distinguished Guests,

The developing world draws strength and support from China's peaceful rise and its readiness to share the fruit of prosperity with the entire world. By establishing a moderately prosperous society as its first centennial goal, China has injected a new impetus to the U.N efforts for poverty alleviation and uprooting poverty on the planet. Global efforts for mitigating climate change have been reinforced by China's announcement of peaking carbon emissions by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2060.

Under the broad rubric of BRI, China has deepened its engagement with the developing countries for economic integration by investing in development of critical infrastructure. By championing the establishment of many institutions Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the Silk Road Fund, China-UN Peace and Development Fund, the South-South Cooperation Fund and the Climate Change South-South Cooperation Fund, China has created a precedent for the initiation of multilateral financial institutions for the developing countries.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Pakistan was one of the first countries which supported restoration of China's lawful rights in the United Nations. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the secret visit of Mr. Henry Kissinger which was facilitated by Pakistan. We are glad to make a contribution to this historic visit which completely transformed the dynamics of international politics and laid foundation of China-US diplomatic ties.

Distinguished Guests,

As an ardent supporter of multilateralism, Pakistan appreciates China's positive role in the U.N system and hails its determination to peacefully resolve all outstanding issues faced by our world and region today.

As the members of United Nations, Pakistan and China are one of the world's largest contributors to the UN Peacekeeping Operations and have made joint efforts for global and regional peace and stability. We have made joint efforts for peaceful resolution of all outstanding issues like Kashmir and Palestine in line with the UNSC resolutions and as per the aspirations of local people.

As the neighbouring countries, Pakistan and China have contributed to peace and reconciliation efforts in Afghanistan and urged all parties for establishment of an inclusive and broad-based government.

Distinguished Guests,

Our world today is at the cusp of a new era. We are witnessing unravelling of profound changes unprecedented in history. New tendencies are emerging and new alignments taking shape. COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the pace of change and added an element of uncertainty. These changes pose a new challenge to globalization and onward march of multilateral diplomacy.

Faced with such challenges, China-Pakistan all-weather strategic cooperative partnership and unique ties serve as a shining template for developing strong and mutually beneficial inter-state ties. We reject harmful tendencies like unilateralism, containment and bloc politics and believe that all members of United Nations should making sincere efforts for building bridges of cooperation and trust instead of raising walls of indifference and doubt.

As a responsible member of international community, Pakistan would continue spearheading efforts for establishment of a transparent, inclusive and fair international system with primacy of the United Nations, where all nations could pool their resources and wisdom to advance common good and world peace and prosperity.

I Thank You All!