

**Video Message by the Foreign Minister of Pakistan on the Occasion of 25th
Anniversary of the G-77 Vienna Chapter**

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to congratulate you all on the landmark occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Vienna Chapter of the Group of 77 and China.

As the largest intergovernmental organization of the Global South, the G-77 and China has been an effective vehicle for developing countries to claim their rightful role in global decision-making, articulate their aspirations and protect their collective interests within the UN system. By enhancing the influence of developing countries in shaping the global development agenda, the G-77 has helped them translate their political freedom into meaningful social and economic progress. The Group's cross-regional membership and diversity give it a powerful and authentic voice as the greatest coalition of humanity.

Since its creation in 1998, the Vienna Chapter has made a sterling contribution of the pursuit of G-77's objectives at the Vienna-based UN Organizations. This has been possible thanks to the collective efforts of generations of diplomats from developing countries who have served in Vienna over the years.

Our task in Vienna has assumed ever greater relevance today as developing countries grapple with multiple and interrelated challenges such as climate change, pandemics, drug trafficking, organized crime as well as energy and food insecurity. The international organizations based in Vienna including the UNODC, IAEA, UNIDO, UNOOSA, UNCITRAL and CTBTO among others, have an important role to play in helping the international community tackle these challenges.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your trust in Pakistan and our team in Vienna led by Ambassador Aftab Ahmad Khokher in chairing the G-77 in 2023. This is a recognition of Pakistan's abiding commitment to the objectives of the Group. Pakistan had the privilege of leading the Group in New York last year where we were able to accomplish important successes. I am confident that Pakistan's leadership of the Group in Vienna will be equally successful in protecting and advancing the developing countries' common interests in the current challenging times.

I wish the Vienna Chapter of the Group of 77 and China continued successes in future.