



**Explanation of Position by OIC on the
Draft Resolution L.1 on the Contribution of the Human Rights Council to
the High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS in 2016
(30th Session of HRC)
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Mr. President,

I have the honour to make Explanation of Position on behalf of member states of OIC on the draft resolution L.17.

We take note with appreciation of draft resolution L.17 presented by cosponsors which aims to contribute to Contribution of the Human Rights Council to the High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS to be held in 2016.

HIV/AIDS is a global health concern which affects the enjoyment of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights including the right to development of millions of persons worldwide. In this regard, we welcome the consensus reached on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, that contains a goal to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, and which includes a target on ending the epidemic of AIDS by 2030.

OIC believes that it is the primary responsibility of states to end epidemic of HIV/AIDS with the assistance of international community. In this regard, we would like to underscore that domestic laws and regulations, cultural particularities and religious specificities of member states should be given due respect and attention.

We are deeply concerned that International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights has been included in the draft resolution which contain references to controversial notions which are not part of existing universally agreed human rights. Any attempt to disregard to socio-cultural particularities and religious sensitivities of member states is unacceptable for us.

While we commend holding of panel discussion on the progress and challenges in addressing human rights issues in the context of efforts to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2030, we note with regret that it has been associated with 20th anniversary of the International Guidelines on HIV and Human Rights which do not enjoy our support. Therefore, OIC would disassociate with PP3 and OP1 of draft resolution L.17. We would request that our decision to disassociate from these paragraphs may be reflected in the official proceedings as well as report of the session.

I thank you.