



**Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN  
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**Statement**

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**Statement on behalf of the OIC Group**

**Madam Chair,**

The OIC Group would like to commend the Chair and Bureau team for steering the ExCom session smoothly.

The OIC Group highly appreciates UNHCR's remarkable contribution to forcibly displaced persons and refugees worldwide. We also acknowledge the support extended to OIC member states for hosting refugees, migrants, and displaced people.

This house may recall that a significantly large number of refugees, including those belonging to Afghanistan, Syria, and the Rohingya, are hosted by OIC member states. The OIC countries are the countries of origin, major host countries, and donors of UNHCR. Therefore, we have an abiding interest in supporting UNHCR in its policies for extending support to host countries.

In recent years, a series of emerging humanitarian crises—triggered by high-intensity conflicts and adverse climate impacts—have considerably exacerbated the scale, scope, and complexity of refugee situations and displaced persons. These negative developments particularly affect the OIC member states.

We call upon UNHCR to sustain and enhance its support to OIC host governments and communities while pursuing durable solutions, including partnerships addressing the root causes of conflicts and climate-induced catastrophes.

**Madam Chair,**

An optimal operationalization of the principles of international cooperation and equitable burden and responsibility-sharing is critical for holistic protection and solutions for refugees.

The OIC Group appreciates that the Global Compact on Refugees embodied this principle. We look forward to seeing the implementation of the pledges made during GRF 2019 and GRF 2023.

The Group calls upon UNHCR to continue measuring the impact of hosting, assisting, and protecting refugees to assess gaps in international cooperation and find new solutions with close consultation with the refugee hosting countries. For instance, in Sudan, 11 million persons have been displaced in the last 18 months. The international community should join hands to support Sudan's Regional Refugee Response Plan- 2024, which remains severely underfunded.

**Madam Chair,**

We appreciate UNHCR's work on various social groups and emphasize the importance of continuing this work with full respect for the laws and culture of local partners.

**Madam Chair,**

The OIC Group unequivocally condemns the attacks on refugee camps in Gaza and the recent escalation in Israeli war crimes in Lebanon. It has been a year of destruction and displacement of thousands in insufferable conditions.

According to UNRWA, more than 42,000 Palestinians have been killed in the last twelve months, including 17,000 innocent children. Furthermore, 226 UNRWA staff have lost their lives while delivering humanitarian assistance, which is a blatant violation of International Humanitarian Law.

We commend the High Commissioner for his recent visit to Lebanon and Syria and for drawing international attention to another avoidable but growing crisis. We emphasize the need for all states to condemn military attacks on displaced people and refugee camps as a crime and call for full accountability.

**I thank you.**

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