



**Statement on Behalf of The OIC, delivered by Ms. Murk Abro, Director, during The  
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Mr. President,

The promotion and protection of the rights of women and girls, as well as the elimination of all forms of discrimination, violence, and harmful practices, continue to be a priority for the OIC Group.

Notwithstanding the multifaceted challenges faced by several developing countries, in the face of rising poverty, global inequalities, climate catastrophes, financial slowdown and negative impacts of the geopolitical conflicts, the OIC Group reaffirms its commitment to promote and protect the rights of women and girls.

OIC member states remain dedicated to ensuring that women's fundamental rights are enjoyed without any discrimination and that the socio-economic challenges faced by them are addressed in a meaningful way.

We reaffirm our commitment to fulfilling our obligations under the international human rights law framework as outlined in UDHR, CEDAW, CRPD, CRC and other relevant covenants.

Mr. President,

We believe that no discussion on this subject can be meaningful without giving due attention to the devastating situation of the women and girls in Occupied Palestine.

We echo the concerns raised by several Special Procedures that women and girls constitute a higher proportion of the death toll in Gaza; thousands have been brutally murdered; and countless have faced sexual violence at the hands of the occupation forces.

Distressingly, pregnant women remain at a higher risk due to lack of access to any healthcare service and since more than one million have been displaced.

If this Council really wishes to discuss violence against women and girls, it should begin by condemning the incessant violence being perpetrated against Palestinian women and girls.

This is not just a humanitarian crisis; this is a moral imperative.

I thank you!