



Statement on behalf of the OIC during the Introduction of Draft Resolution “Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice”

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Mr. President,

On behalf of the OIC Member States, Pakistan presents the draft resolution titled "human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice", as contained in document L43.

Once again presenting this text under agenda item 2 demonstrates our commitment to seek Council's unanimous support for accountability of Israel's egregious human rights violations and grave breaches of international law.

Mr. President,

The preambular part of the resolution recalls principles of international human rights and humanitarian laws, in particular the Geneva Convention, which is applicable to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

Reaffirming the principle of inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, the text expresses concern at the fragmentation of the occupied territory and deplores widespread human rights violations of the Palestinian civilians.

It also expresses grave concerns over the dire human rights, humanitarian, and socio-economic situation in the Gaza Strip, and stresses the need to end the prolonged blockade immediately.

The operative part of the draft resolution calls upon Israel to withdraw from the occupied territory and stresses the imperative of credible, timely and comprehensive accountability for all violations of international law to ensure justice and sustainable peace.

It affirms State's obligation to not recognize any situation as lawful, emerging out of serious breach of international law.

Deploping the persistent non-cooperation of Israel with the Special Procedures and other UN mandated investigative mechanisms, it calls on the occupying power for full cooperation and demands cessation of all illegal actions.

The resolution also calls upon all States to comply with international law and urges them to refrain from arms transfer to the occupying power, as these are being used to commit serious human rights violations.

To alleviate the financial crisis and the dire socio-economic situation, particularly in the Gaza Strip, the draft resolution also urges for the provision of emergency assistance, including humanitarian relief and development assistance, to the Palestinian people.

As L.43 is based on universally respected principles and calls for upholding human rights, rule of law, accountability and justice. We look forward to consensual adoption of the resolution by this august Council. *I thank you.*