



**Statement on behalf of the OIC, delivered by Amb. Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative, during the Introduction of Draft Resolution “Right of Palestinian People to Self-Determination,**

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**Mr. President,**

On behalf of the OIC member states and co-sponsors, Pakistan presents the draft resolution titled "Right of the Palestinian people to self-determination", as contained in document L32.

The realization of the right to self-determination remains critical due to its centrality and salience in international law i.e. its codification in the UN Charter, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, VDPA, human rights covenants and various UN resolutions.

The draft resolution reaffirms the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including their right to live in freedom, justice and dignity and the right to their independent State of Palestine.

While reaffirming the need for achieving a just, comprehensive and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, it calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to immediately end its occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, reverse and redress any impediments to the political independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Palestinian State.

The draft text expresses grave concern at the demographic changes in the OPT, resulting from Israel's continuing unlawful settlement activities, undermining the realization of the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people. It emphasizes the need for respect and preservation of the territorial unity, contiguity and integrity of all of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem;

It urges all States to adopt measures and render assistance to the United Nations in ensuring the realization of Palestinian peoples' right to self-determination.

As the draft resolution is based on principles of international law and highlights the significance of the right self-determination including its applicability in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, we trust that Council members would join consensus on L 32. **I thank you.**