



Statement on behalf of the OIC, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary,
during the Interactive Dialogue on High Commissioner for Human Rights' Annual
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Mr. President,

We thank the High Commissioner for presenting his annual report.

Today, we are at a critical juncture, whereby the UN system has been left wanting to live up to peoples' just expectations.

It is imperative that the multilateral system lives up to peoples' trust and especially protect those who remain in dire need of its support.

Sadly, across the globe, the human rights landscape presents a dismal picture.

Mr. High Commissioner,

In Occupied Palestine, the incessant crimes perpetrated, over the decades, demonstrate Israel's brazen impunity and inordinate disregard for the international law, and should be a wakeup call for all!

Israel's genocidal actions, including forcible population transfers, willful destruction of health and educational facilities, indiscriminate attacks on civilians and above all imposing an inhumane blockade on Gaza has shaken the collective human conscience.

It is high time that all crimes committed against the hapless Palestinian people are investigated and accountability instituted.

While we call for reversal of all measures aimed at institutionalizing illegal occupation, apartheid and colonial settlement enterprise in OPT, we demand urgent and effective implementation of all relevant rulings of the ICJ.

Lastly, Mr. High Commissioner, we recognize the efforts of your Office for continuously monitoring the disastrous situation in OPT and pay our homage to those UN workers who lost their lives, to Israeli barbarism.

We also condemn any reprisals against Special Procedures aimed at muffling their voices, in this regard.

I thank you!