



**Statement on behalf of the OIC Group¹, delivered by Mr. Jawad Ali, Minister during
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Mr. President,

Our world today is grappling with unprecedented challenges.

At this critical juncture, it is even more pertinent that the Council reaffirms the interdependence, indivisibility, and interrelatedness of all human rights, and for all peoples.

Human rights agenda must be promoted with adherence to the core principles of impartiality, objectivity, non-selectivity and in the spirit of fostering genuine dialogue.

Regrettably, increasing politicization, growing selective approaches, accentuating double standards and instrumentalizing the human rights agenda continues to pose risks to the credibility of the Council.

Mr. President,

Nowhere are these double standards and selective approaches more visible than the UN recognized situations of foreign occupation.

We deplore attempts to demonize the legitimate actions of people under foreign occupation to realize their right to self-determination and the incessant campaigns to dehumanize them.

In order to realize all human rights of peoples living under foreign occupation, we reiterate our call for peaceful settlement of internationally recognized disputes, in accordance with the international law.

Mr. President,

We have been impressing upon the Council, for years, that the denial of the singular right to self-determination results in the denial of various other interconnected rights.

The unfolding catastrophic situation in the Occupied Palestine excruciatingly signifies the devastating impact of this denial.

¹ Except Albania



The recent events in Occupied Palestine have further raised questions on the efficacy and credibility of the multilateral institutions and the human rights mechanisms in preventing such atrocities.

The only viable solution for safeguarding the economic, social and cultural rights of Palestinians is putting an end to the illegal Israeli occupation and instituting effective accountability for the crimes committed against them with brazen impunity.

Mr. President,

The overall landscape of human rights, across the globe, is equally worrying and the situation is further exacerbated in the developing world due to continuous exogenous shocks.

The aggravating impacts of under development, rising debt, geopolitical conflicts, climate catastrophe, disinformation, increasing digital divides and risks posed by emerging technologies complicate the situation further, especially, for the developing nations.

Unfortunately, the prevailing inequalities, within and among countries, continue to impede progress toward the achievement of SDGs.

In this context, we reiterate the urgency to operationalize the right to development and fulfilment of commitments related to financing for development, climate adaptation and for revisiting the present international economic, financial and taxation regime.

The Group also reiterates its call for shared efforts to combat the rising tide of xenophobia, racial discrimination, racism, and Islamophobia.

We underline the need for speaking out against religious intolerance and for taking preventive action for countering acts of religious hatred constituting incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence.

I thank you!