



**Statement on behalf of the OIC Group<sup>1</sup>, delivered by Amb. Bilal Ahmad, during  
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**Mr. President,**

The OIC group reaffirms its support to the mandate of the Council and reiterate that its work must be guided by interdependence, indivisibility, and interrelatedness of all human rights.

We reaffirm that prioritizing certain human rights over others contravenes the architecture of human rights law that we all endeavor to strengthen.

Unfortunately, the practice of targeting certain countries and creation of politically driven mandates has accentuated divisions and continues to polarize the Council.

The OIC Group reiterates that selectivity in approaches must be shunned and that the Council's actions should predicated upon fostering constructive engagement, cooperation and dialogue.

From creation of country specific mandates to convening of special sessions the political focus on the developing world, is telling.

**Mr. President,**

This selectivity is the most conspicuous when it comes to protecting the rights of illegally occupied Palestinians.

The OIC group reiterates its condemnation of all crimes committed against Palestinians in the Occupied Palestine and welcomes the recently adopted resolution by the UNGA calling for ending the illegal occupation of Palestine, in line with the latest ICJ's Advisory Opinion.

We underline the need for implementation of ICJ's provisional measures, enforcing an immediate ceasefire; provision of humanitarian support, ending the illegal occupation of Palestine and realization of the state of Palestine on pre - 1967 borders.

**Mr. President,**

We also condemn the recent spate of indiscriminate attacks on civilians, including, in Lebanon. These attacks are a flagrant violation of the international law.

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<sup>1</sup> Except Albania



We echo the concerns raised by the High Commissioner and various SPMHs and support the calls for full, transparent and effective accountability of all involved.

In this context, we underscore that private businesses including manufacturers, logistics and supply chains managers do not enjoy immunity in the context of serious violations of human rights.

We recall that the access to remedy is a core tenet of human rights and call for appropriate remedies from those responsible.

Mr. President,

We also remind the Council of its mandate regarding protection and promotion of rights of all persons including Muslim individuals against increasing anti-Muslim hatred, discrimination, violence and Islamophobic incidents. We affirm the resolutions adopted by the UNGA and the Council in this regard.

Mr. President,

We urge the Council's sharpened focus and attention towards the systematic and persistent human rights violations in situations of foreign occupation.

Regrettably, many such situations of foreign occupation, unresolved conflicts and simmering international disputes have become blind-spots for many members and observers of this Council.

I thank you!