



**Statement on behalf of OIC, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during
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Mr. Vice President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for presenting his report.

We echo the SR that migrants are rights holders, and their rights should be protected.

He rightly points out that migration has long been instrumental in driving peace and prosperity.

The cross-cultural exchanges and interactions have influenced progress and cultural enrichment around the world, in various fields.

Sadly, the multifaceted positive contributions made by migrants, to the host societies, are often ignored and negative discourse purveyed by certain actors.

These rising trends remain reflective of the increasing application of electoral lens to international migration, and amplification of ill-informed narratives against migrants.

In this regard, we have also noted with concern media reports that Islamophobia has soared significantly, in the recent years.

The OIC Group also underlines its concerns about the growing trend to push back against migrants at international borders under dubious interpretation of human rights laws, and deployment of a wide array of deterrence and discriminatory measures by some western states.

Lastly, we wish to underline that legal distinction between migrants and other categories of displaced persons, such as refugees and IDPs should be drawn, in line with the relevant stipulations of the international law.

Mr. Special Rapporteur,

How can states reinforce efforts to combat the rising tide of xenophobia, racial discrimination, racism, and Islamophobia, particularly faced by the migrants, and the increasing tendency to stigmatize them?

I thank you!