



**Statement by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC on the High
Commissioner's Update
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Mr. President,

I have the honour to make this statement on behalf of OIC member states.

We thank the High Commissioner for his update. Unfortunately, the High Commissioner's statement was just made available now, leaving little time to consult with group members for an enriching dialogue.

The OIC remains committed to extend our full support to the High Commissioner in fulfilling his mandate for the protection and promotion of human rights, based on the principles of universality, impartiality, non-selectivity and transparency. We strongly believe that states have the primary responsibility to protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms of their citizens. In achieving this objective, OHCHR's advocacy role would remain crucial by providing technical guidance to member states through dialogue and constructive engagement.

The OIC would like to thank the High Commissioner for organizing a technical briefing for member States on the reorganization of OHCHR. We take note with interest of "Change Initiative" by the High Commissioner and hope that member states would continue to be briefed on the details of financing and implementation of the initiative. In this regard, we would like to stress the need to fulfill all mandated activities from the regular budget with the view to ensure transparency, impartiality and objectivity.

Instead of focusing on politicized issues which create polarization among nations, we should dedicate our collective efforts to address the real challenges facing humanity and address human rights violations without any discrimination and selectivity. Fair and equal distribution of resources of OHCHR on civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights including right to development is the need of the hour. The aspirations of billions of people who wish to realize their economic, social, cultural rights including the right to development cannot be denied. While promoting human rights, we cannot ignore human needs. We hope that in the implementation of Office Management Plan and Thematic Priorities equal treatment would be given to the protection and promotion of all human rights.

Mr. President,

The OIC is deeply concerned at the migration crisis in Europe. We note with concern that migrants, in particular, Muslim migrants are facing myriads of challenges in EU member states including, among others, racial discrimination, xenophobia, hate speech, lack of access to justice, lack of opportunities for regular migration, denial of entry and continued use of detention as a tool of border control.

OIC believes that a comprehensive human rights framework for migration premised on equality and non-discrimination is required. We also believe that the migration issue requires addressing the root causes, including, among others, conflicts, unresolved political disputes and extreme poverty and denial of right to development.

The OIC also remains concerned over the ongoing grave human rights violations in the Occupied State of Palestine. In this regard, we strongly condemn the recent attack on Al-AQSA Mosque by Israel. We believe that the international community should fulfill its responsibility by ensuring accountability of all violations of international law by Israel, the occupying power.

I thank you.