



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

Statement

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Madame President,

On behalf of the OIC, I thank the High Commissioner for her oral update.

The OIC firmly believes that the principles of universality, impartiality, non-selectivity and transparency should guide the Council in discharging its mandate.

Achieving the global human rights implementation agenda would remain a distant dream unless the Council gears up its efforts to effectively address systematic and continued violations of human rights of people suffering from long-running conflicts and disputes, in particular those of Palestine, Myanmar, Jammu and Kashmir, and Nagorno-Karabakh.

Madame President,

The OIC welcomes the OHCHR's publication of data on business enterprises involved in activities related to Israeli settlements. We call on all UN bodies, especially the Council, to follow up on the implementation of resolutions on the Palestine dispute, and to ensure that all business enterprises stop their activities and hold accountable those responsible for violations of the rights of the Palestinian people.¹

While the provisional order by the International Court of Justice is a positive development on the Myanmar issue, OIC encourages the international community to extend further support for securing justice and accountability for the Rohingya people as well as for ensuring their safe, dignified and voluntary return². Once again, the OIC expresses full solidarity with the Government and people of Bangladesh who are deeply affected by the Rohingya influx and calls on the international community to actively remain seized of the matter until a durable solution is achieved.

Madame President,

The OIC remains concerned about the human rights situation in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and calls on all concerned to ensure the protection of their basic rights and fundamental freedoms³. We also urge the Council to implement the recommendations contained in the OHCHR's two reports on Jammu & Kashmir⁴. The OIC also reminds the international community of its obligation to ensure the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions on Kashmir and fulfill the promises made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir⁵.

¹ Based on OIC Press release dated 13/02/2020

² Based on OIC Press release dated 23/01/2020 & OIC's last statement at 42nd HRC session

³ https://www.oic-oci.org/topic/?t_id=22086&ref=12901&lan=en

⁴ OIC Contact Group Communiqué on J&K, September 2019

⁵ Resolution No. 10/46-POL On The Jammu and Kashmir Dispute



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The OIC is deeply distressed over the plight of more than one million Azerbaijani displaced persons and refugees resulting from the Armenian aggression, and calls upon the High Commissioner to take a principled position to ensuring restoration of violated human rights of Azerbaijani IDPs and refugees in line with the relevant resolutions of UNSC on the conflict.

On Afghanistan, the OIC welcomes the nationwide significant reduction in violence paving the way for advancement of inclusive peace talks between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Taliban. The OIC supports peace and reconciliation efforts for reaching lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan and the region and urges all stakeholders to uphold and preserve the human rights of all Afghan citizens, especially Afghan women in this process

Madame President,

OIC remains concerned about the growing incidents of xenophobia, Islamophobia and religious intolerance, resulting in stigmatization, negative stereotyping, denigration of venerated personalities and hate crimes against Muslim migrants.

It is, therefore, important that this Council and the UN human rights machinery play their role in combating hate speech, both offline and online, hate crimes and violent extremism.

I thank you.