



## Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

### Statement

#### **43<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL** **General Debate on Agenda Item 5: “Human Rights bodies and mechanisms”** **Statement on behalf of the OIC** **15 June 2020**

Madam President,

The OIC fully recognizes the important work of the Council’s allied mechanisms and bodies and reaffirms its constructive engagement with them.

The OIC Member States actively participated in the last year’s Forum on Minorities focusing on the theme of “Education, language and the human rights of minorities”. We are studying the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on Minorities.

The OIC stresses that this platform should sharpen its focus on and response to the issue of increasing discrimination, intolerance and violence against Muslim minorities across the world.

Madam President,

The OIC reaffirms the universality, indivisibility, interdependence and inter-relation of all human rights. The OIC calls for equitable allocation and distribution of resources for all mandate-holders, in particular for those working in the area of the right to development.

The Special Procedure Mandate Holders should follow the Code of Conduct. Communications to States should be sent after fact-checking. They must meet the high standards of reliability, accuracy and impartiality. The country visit reports should be objective and take into full consideration perspective of the concerned Governments, national contexts and challenges.

Madam President,

The OIC expresses serious concerns over the increasing practice by the mandate-holders to dwell on and mainstream controversial topics into their reports. The OIC calls upon the mandate-holders to refrain from such practices.

Such a selective approach runs the risk of accentuating controversies, erosion of consensus and unnecessary politicization and polarization in the Council.

The OIC urges the OHCHR and the mandate-holders for timely uploading of the reports to enable all delegations reasonable time to prepare for the Interactive Dialogues during the Council’s Session.

The UN treaty bodies should continue with their efforts to harmonize their working methods, enhance coordination among themselves, and create more capacity-building opportunities for less-developing and developing countries, enabling them to fulfill their international obligations.

I thank you.