



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

Statement

43RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Draft Resolution A/HRC/43/ L38 - "Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem"

Introduction by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC

Madam President,

On behalf of the OIC member states and co-sponsors, Pakistan has the honor to introduce the draft resolution on "Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem", as contained in document A/HRC/43/L38.

The resolution elaborates the continuing human rights violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. These include, inter alia, the use of excessive and lethal force against Palestinian civilians and violations of their basic rights of life, liberty, movement, livelihood, education and property ownership.

Madam President,

The preambular part of the resolution affirms the applicability of international human rights instruments and the Fourth Geneva Convention to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. It also expresses deep concern over the critical human rights and humanitarian conditions of the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip.

The operative part of the resolution demands that all practices and actions that violate the human rights of the Palestinian people should cease. It reaffirms the core principles and rules of international law in this regard and demands that Israel should comply fully with the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention and with its legal obligations under international human rights law.

It also urges Member States to continue to provide emergency assistance to the Palestinian people to alleviate the financial crisis and the dire socio-economic and humanitarian situation, particularly in the Gaza Strip.

Finally, it requests the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to present a report, at 48th session, on the allocation of water in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem, and to recommend measures to ensure the implementation of equitable access to safe drinking water.

Madam President, we hope that the Council members will seriously consider the grave humanitarian crisis and ever-worsening human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and therefore, support consensual adoption of the resolution.

I thank you.