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Statement

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Interactive Dialogue on High Commissioner's report on recommendations of COI on protests in OPT

Statement by Pakistan
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Madam President,

Pakistan thanks the High Commissioner for her report.

We are concerned at findings of the report that serious violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law continue in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in the context of large-scale civilian protests in Gaza. We also regret the persistence of impunity and lack of transparency and progress.

As the Secretary-General has emphasized, a lack of accountability compromises chances for sustainable peace and security, and that tackling impunity must be the highest priority¹. Prompt, independent, impartial, thorough, effective and transparent investigations must be conducted into all alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, in particular into allegations of international crimes committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Madam President,

We urge the international community to play its long due role in bringing lasting peace to the region, including by implementing the recommendations of the High Commissioner made in its report and by holding accountable all those who are responsible for the violations and crimes, in order to end the culture of impunity and to ensure that the occupying power complies with its obligations under international law.

I thank you.

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