Statement on behalf of OIC Group during Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan

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Mr. President,

The OIC Group[i] thanks the Deputy High Commissioner for her presentation and takes note of the Special Rapporteur's report.

We reiterate our consistent concerns over the humanitarian, human rights and socioeconomic conditions in Afghanistan.

We remain particularly troubled by the state of human rights for women and girls in Afghanistan.

Consistent with our longstanding position, we urge the de facto Afghan authorities to uphold the rights of all Afghans, especially women and girls, by ensuring access to education and participation in the workforce. Islamic teachings are clear on these issues.

We also emphasize the importance of establishing protections for individuals belonging to ethnic, religious, and cultural minorities, in accordance with both Islamic law and Afghanistan's international commitments.

The OIC Group reiterates its concern that critical humanitarian funding is declining, risking the well-being of millions. The international community must intensify its humanitarian efforts to provide essential support to the most vulnerable.

We also stress that using Afghan territory for terrorist activities threatens the rights of people in Afghanistan and beyond and this must be stemmed by the de facto Afghan authorities.

Finally, while reiterating the OIC Group's clear position, we regret that several parts of the Special Rapporteur's report continue to delve over divisive issues such as SOGI. We consider such references unnecessary and counterproductive.

Thank you!

[i] Except Albania