Statement on behalf of OIC Group[1], delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during Interactive Dialogue with the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide

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Mr. President,

The OIC Group thanks the Special Adviser for her presentation.

We condemn in the strongest terms the genocide committed by the Israeli occupation forces against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and the expansion of this crime into the West Bank including Al-Quds.

Over the past 20 months, the world has born witness to an unending campaign aimed at displacing the Palestinian people throughout the illegally Occupied Palestinian Territory and creating impossible living conditions, including the use of starvation as a method of genocide.

The illegal occupying power's continued attempts to change the geography or demographics of the occupied State of Palestine are aimed at eliminating the Palestinian cause, including the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

These egregious crimes could not have happened without a shroud of impunity. We call on the international community to confront the occupying power and hold the perpetrators to account.

The provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice starting from January 2024, findings of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry and other mechanisms and multiple reports and warnings from the UN Special Procedures and Mandate Holders (SPMHs) must not go unheeded.

Israel's continued aggression against Iran, Lebanon and Syria has demonstrated the illegal occupying power's continued policy of destabilising the region. Recent U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities are a further dangerous escalation.

We support de-escalation efforts to stop aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran and to achieve a peaceful settlement.

The genocide in Palestine must end, and the spectre of regional war must be averted.

Thank you.

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[1] Except Albania