Statement on behalf of the OIC[1], delivered by Mr. Abbas Sarwar Qureshi, Counsellor, during the General Debate under Item 2
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Mr. President,

We thank the High Commissioner for his oral update and share his concerns regarding the eroding respect for international law and the need to strengthen multilateral institutions.

We agree that to ensure respect for international law, it is paramount to ensure instituting accountability and end impunity, especially accorded to the persistent violators of international law.

Mr. President,

The continued and horrifying humanitarian tragedy including the man-made famine in Palestine woefully points towards the impact of this lack of accountability and the unabashed disdain exhibited by Israel, the occupation power, which greatly undermines our multilateral institutions' credibility.

With the fragile ceasefire trampled upon every day, by Israel, the international community must urgently mobilize support for Palestinians who have endured unconscionable atrocities.

The OIC categorically condemns all crimes perpetrated by the Israeli Occupation Forces and stresses that effective accountability be urgently instituted and the Palestinian aspirations for justice be upheld.

We demand full implementation of ICJ judgments and remind all states of their binding obligations under international law.

We also call for immediate reversal of all measures extending illegal occupation, perpetuating apartheid, and facilitating mass displacement of the Palestinian people.

We welcome the steps taken by some states to lend recognition to the State of Palestine and hope this will pave the way for effective realization of the Palestinians' right to self-determination, independence, freedom and sovereignty over their territory and the establishment of the State of Palestine based on the borders of June 4, 1967, with Al-Quds Ash-Sharif as its capital.

Mr. President,

The human rights situation in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir remains a matter of deep anguish. We urge India to comply with the applicable UNSC resolutions and implement recommendations addressed to it in the two Kashmir reports by OHCHR, which need to be

[1] Except Albania

updated. We urge the Council to pay close attention to repeated observations made by SPMHs on the human rights violations and impunity in the occupied territory.

Mr. President,

The OIC also calls on this Council to work towards securing justice and accountability for the Rohingya people, including through their safe, dignified, and voluntary return to their homes in Myanmar. The OIC reiterates its full solidarity with Bangladesh and supports calls for assistance to Bangladesh in efforts to achieving a durable solution.

Mr. President,

The OIC welcomes the progress in the normalization process between Azerbaijan and Armenia, and hopes that Armenia will address the remaining legal obstacles for signing of the bilateral peace agreement. The OIC reaffirms its full solidarity with the Government and People of Azerbaijan in their efforts to rehabilitate and reconstruct the liberated territories.

I thank you!