Statement on behalf of OIC Group, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during Enhanced Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan

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Mr. Vice President,

The OIC Group takes note of the OHCHR's report and thanks the SR for the update.

We reiterate our deep concern over the humanitarian, human rights and socioeconomic conditions in Afghanistan.

As consistently highlighted, the OIC Group remains gravely concerned regarding the situation of human rights of women and girls in Afghanistan.

Islamic teachings are crystal clear. There can be no justification for such discriminatory practices.

Therefore, in this light, the OIC reiterates its position and urges the de-facto Afghan authorities to safeguard the rights of all Afghans, especially women and girls' rights to education and participation in the workforce.

Here, we also underscore Afghanistan's responsibility to institute protections for persons belonging to ethnic, religious and cultural minorities, as enshrined in the Islamic law and its obligations under the international human rights law.

We agree with the OHCHR's concerns on the continuously diminishing funding and commitment of the international community, which drastically risks the wellbeing of millions in Afghanistan.

Stepping up the much-needed humanitarian assistance, especially to protect the most vulnerable, by all stakeholders, is imperative.

While we reaffirm our solidarity with the Afghan people, we also underscore that the use of Afghanistan's soil for terrorism undermines the human rights of not only those living in Afghanistan but all those affected beyond its borders.

Thank you!