



National statement delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, during Interactive Dialogue with the Independent International Commission of Inquiry for the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel

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Mr. President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes the Commission of Inquiry and thanks them for the presentation of their findings, which my delegation has noted.

Violent attacks, harassment and discrimination by armed settlers with the full backing of the Israeli occupation forces are consistent features of settler-colonialism in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), as noted also by the Commission.

Pakistan is gravely concerned at the sharp escalation in violence, home demolitions, forced expulsions, arbitrary detentions and torture against Palestinian people throughout the OPT. This alarming pattern is intended to facilitate the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, as well as the occupation forces' siege of the Gaza Strip.

Mr. President,

A delicate regional situation consumes our focus, but the world cannot afford to neglect the untenable situation in the OPT, including East Jerusalem.

Decades of illegal occupation and unrestrained use of force in contravention of international law including international humanitarian law, have compounded the dehumanisation and dispossession of the Palestinian people.

Israeli occupation forces and settlers are attempting to extinguish the Two-State Solution. But a just and lasting peace requires exercise of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and Statehood based on pre-1967 borders, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.

Thank you.

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