



Statement on behalf of OIC Group, delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, during Interactive Dialogue with the COI on the OPT, including East Jerusalem, and Israel

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Mr. President,

The OIC Group¹ welcomes the Commission and thanks it for the presentation of its report².

We condemn in the strongest terms the sharp rise in attacks on the Palestinian people and their property in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Terrorist Israeli settlers are actively supported by the occupation authorities to advance the illegal settler-colonial enterprise. These attacks have taken place in tandem with occupation forces' military assaults on refugee camps in the illegally Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and the mass expulsion of tens of thousands.

In the besieged Gaza Strip, the occupation authorities have funded and armed militias to further terrorise the people and attack humanitarian relief convoys and personnel. This dangerous phenomenon also merits the Commission's attention.

Taken together, the actions of the illegal occupying power and its terrorist settlers amount to ethnic cleansing and represent a continuation of the genocide of the Palestinian people.

Mr. President,

Israel's unlawful occupation of Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, is the root cause of the grave and worsening plight of the Palestinian people.

We condemn the illegal occupying power's efforts to dodge accountability for its crimes, and assure the Commission of the OIC Group's abiding support in the full discharge of its mandate.

We reaffirm our abiding solidarity with the Palestinian people and unwavering support for their inalienable right to self-determination and the realisation of an independent and sovereign state based on the borders of 4 June 1967 with East Al-Quds as its capital.

Thank you.

¹ Except Albania

² A/HRC/62/22