



OIC Statement during the ID with SR on Education under Agenda Item 3
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Mr. Vice President,

The OIC Group thanks the Special Rapporteur for the presentation of the report.

We concur with the SR's observation that "Education is a fundamental and enabling human right that is indispensable to the realization of all other rights."

Against this backdrop, we cannot overlook the suffering and plight of hundreds of thousands of Palestinian children, whose right to education is completely denied as educational facilities have been reduced to rubble by the relentless bombardment of Israeli forces.

Defying all the established norms and IHL, schools and universities have been systematically destroyed, depriving children of their fundamental right to education, impairing their intellectual and personal development, and casting a long shadow over their future aspirations.

These Palestinian children may never be able to fully enjoy broader spectrum of human rights to which they are entitled.

Also, imagine the troubling state of those Palestinian children who daily struggle to pass through military checkpoints, physical barriers, and confrontations with Israeli occupation forces to access the remaining 5 per cent of the schools.

Madam SR,

What will be the future of the Palestinian and other children under foreign occupation whose right to education has been stripped of by the inhuman occupation forces?

I thank you!
