Statement on behalf of the OIC Group delivered by Mr. Jawad Ali, Deputy Permanent Representative, during General Debate under Item 2

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Mr. President,

In the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), relentless settler violence and settlement expansion seek to force the Palestinian people from East Jerusalem and the West Bank. In the Gaza Strip, the occupying power continues its brazen disregard for the ceasefire agreement.

The OIC Group reaffirms our firm support for the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and an independent Palestinian state within 1967 borders with East Al-Quds as its capital.

The OIC Group reaffirms its support for Lebanon and condemns Israeli occupation forces' aggression against Lebanon and its occupation of southern Lebanon.

The human rights situation in occupied Jammu and Kashmir remains a matter of deep anguish. We urge India to comply with applicable UN Security Council resolutions and implement recommendations addressed to it in the OHCHR's two Kashmir reports, which need to be updated. We urge the Council to pay close attention to repeated observations made by special procedures on human rights violations and impunity in the occupied territory.

We call on this council to work towards justice and accountability for the Rohingya Muslims and their safe, dignified, and voluntary return to their homes in Myanmar.

We reaffirm our solidarity with the Sudanese people and support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Sudan. The alarming rise of Islamophobia requires concerted efforts grounded in international human rights law.

I thank you.

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