



**National Statement by Amb. Bilal Ahmad, Permanent Representative, during Side Event on  
the Situation in Occupied Palestine Territory**  
**12 December 2023**

Honorable Foreign Ministers,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Participants,

I take this opportunity to convey my Government's deep appreciation for the initiatives taken by the esteemed committee to implement the Riyadh consensus of the Extraordinary Arab-Islamic Summit.

As the seat of international human rights and humanitarian law, your presence here and participation in the UDHR anniversary have amplified the cause of oppressed people of Palestine and the just pursuit for realizing their inalienable rights.

Pakistan has unequivocally stood by the brotherly people of Palestine.

During the pledging session yesterday, the Foreign Minister of Pakistan renewed our pledge to continue to lend political, moral, and diplomatic support to the brave peoples of occupied Palestine and Jammu & Kashmir.

We reaffirm our solidarity with the people of Palestine and call for an early establishment of a viable, secure, contiguous and sovereign state of Palestine on the basis of the pre-June 1967 borders and with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.

Excellencies,

As the Coordinator of the OIC Group in Geneva, our delegation has worked in partnership with OIC missions for implementing the vision of our leadership to advance the core cause of Palestine.

In keeping with this noble mission, OIC delegations in Geneva have consistently raised our collective voice at all relevant forums against the crimes committed by the Israeli occupation forces in Occupied Palestinian Territory and the incessant campaign to dehumanize the Palestinian people.

We will continue to call out the blatant disregard for international law, the brazen impunity enjoyed by Israel and the need for international accountability and justice.

I thank you!