



Statement on behalf of the OIC by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan during the General Debate under Item 2

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Mr. President,

The OIC thanks the Acting High Commissioner for the oral update.

The OIC values OHCHR's advocacy to advance universal respect for human rights amidst global fiscal squeeze exacerbated by food and energy crises as well as climate induced catastrophes. In this regard, the OIC expects an even-handed focus on all human rights including social and economic rights.

Similarly, migrants, refugees and individuals living under foreign occupation deserve High Commissioner's greater attention as they remain vulnerable to violence, discrimination and exploitation.

The OIC is gravely concerned over the continuing human rights violations in the OPT including East Jerusalem. We reiterate our support to the COI's work. We call on Israel to hold the perpetrators accountable for the killing of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh and other innocent Palestinians. We condemn recent Israeli action against the Palestinian civil society organizations. We urge the OHCHR to continue publishing data on business enterprises involved in activities related to Israeli settlements in OPT.

Mr. President,

The human rights situation in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir remains a matter of deep anguish for us. The OIC urges India to implement the applicable UN Security Council resolutions as well as recommendations addressed to it in OHCHR's two Kashmir reports. We reiterate our strong demand for reversal of all illegal and unilateral measures taken on or after 5 August 2019, including reversal of illegal demographic changes in the occupied territory. We urge OHCHR to continue monitoring the human rights situation in occupied Jammu and Kashmir and to produce an updated report.

The OIC calls on this Council to work towards securing justice and accountability for the Rohingya people, including through their safe, dignified and voluntary return to their homes in Myanmar. In this regard, the OIC reiterates its full solidarity with and calls for



assistance to Bangladesh as well as to remain actively seized of the matter until a durable solution is achieved.

The OIC condemns the damage and loss of properties inflicted by Armenia including cultural heritage and religious sites in the territories of Azerbaijan liberated from occupation. The OIC reaffirms its full support to the Government and people of Azerbaijan in their efforts to rehabilitate and rebuild the liberated territories, in particular the ongoing de-mining activities. We call upon the international community to extend assistance to Azerbaijan for safe and dignified return of Azerbaijani IDPs.

The OIC once again calls for upholding human rights of all individuals in Afghanistan including women, children, elderly and minorities. The OIC is seriously concerned over the deteriorating economic and humanitarian situation in Afghanistan and calls for international community's sustained engagement with Afghanistan on political, economic, human rights, humanitarian and development paths. We also underline the importance of wide-ranging dialogue among all parties to ensure an inclusive and representative government.

Mr. President,

The OIC condemns growing incidents of racism, Islamophobia and religious intolerance and reiterates its call for a legally binding instrument aimed at preventing and combating religious intolerance.

I thank you.