



Statement on behalf of the OIC by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan during General Debate Item 3
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Mr. President,

The OIC reaffirms the equality, universality, interdependence, indivisibility and interrelatedness of all human rights.

We support the realization of all human rights without any discrimination, as laid down in the UN Charter, Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and international human rights covenants.

Selective approaches and double standards erode the credibility of global human rights agenda and undermine the legitimacy of the Human Rights Council.

We therefore reiterate our call for pursuing the path of dialogue and engagement to advance universal respect for human rights.

Mr. President,

We thank Ambassador Zamir Akram, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the right to Development, for presenting the report and updating the Council regarding the state of play in the Working Group.

After two decades of stalemate, we are pleased that the Working Group has commenced textual negotiations of the draft Convention on the right to development. We understand the Chair-Rapporteur would prepare a second revised text of the Convention, facilitating deliberations at Working Group's next session. The draft text contextualizes the right to development as foundational and rightly frames the tools to advance it through financing for development; rule-based and fair-trading system; transparent international financial system, combating corruption as well as sharing of technology and knowledge. We are confident that once finalised and adopted, it would help in operationalizing the right to development and making tangible progress towards achieving the SDGs.

Mr. President,

The OIC is deeply concerned over the devastation caused by climate induced catastrophes, impeding realization of human rights of millions of people with more disproportionate impacts for developing and least developing states. The UN Secretary General has rightly observed that "we are already living in a world where climate change is acting in such a devastating way". We echo Secretary General's call for massive increase in



financing for adaptation thus building resilient infrastructure and creating conditions for those that are in the hotspots of climate change.

Mr. President,

The OIC rejects racism based on colour, creed, religion, language and ethnicity. We condemn Islamophobia, in all its forms and manifestations, whether peddled through online or offline hate speech, populist rhetoric and anti-migration policies. We deplore recent Islamophobic trends including state-sponsored marginalization of Muslim communities in certain countries.

We reiterate our support for efforts to further strengthen international human rights framework to combat xenophobia, intolerance, stigmatization, stereotyping and violence targeted against persons based on their religion or belief.

The OIC deplores attempts aimed at demonizing the legitimate struggles of people under foreign occupation to realize their right to self-determination, often under the bogey of terrorism. We reiterate our call for peaceful settlement of internationally recognized disputes, in accordance with international law, to ensure realization of human rights of the affected populations.

I thank you.