

## <u>Statement on behalf of OIC by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Pakistan Permanent</u> <u>Representative to the UN, at the Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special</u> <u>Rapporteur on Afghanistan</u> 51<sup>st</sup> Human Rights Council Session

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## Mr. President,

The OIC thanks the Special Rapporteur for the report and notes its findings and recommendations.

The OIC reiterates its serious concerns over the humanitarian, human rights, social and economic situation in Afghanistan that in many ways is a product of decades of conflict and instability.

We renew our call for respecting the basic human rights and freedoms of all Afghans, including women, children and minorities.

We reaffirm our unwavering support for an Afghan-led and Afghan-owed national reconciliation process.

The OIC supports the SR's call on international community for continued provision of humanitarian assistance and finding ways and means to help resuscitate Afghan economy. Pursuit of realistic pathways to unfreeze Afghanistan's financial assets and faithful implementation of UNSC resolution 2615 remains critical.

Similarly, the OIC re-emphasizes the importance of sustained and mutually reinforcing international engagement on peace, human rights and development subjects with Afghanistan and its people.

Through its Mission, the OIC continues to engage the de facto authorities. To address the basic human rights and humanitarian needs of Afghan people, we have also successfully operationalized a Humanitarian Trust Fund and Food Security Programme.

The OIC stands in solidarity with the Afghan people and reaffirms its commitment to support durable peace, stability and development in Afghanistan. **Thank you.**