



Statement on behalf of the OIC, delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, DPR, during
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Mr. Vice President,

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

We reiterate that the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world rests on upholding all human rights and they must be safeguarded in a fair and equal manner.

We underscore, once again, that pursuit of selective approaches and double standards erodes the credibility of the Human Rights Council.

Recent events have further emphasized the importance and salience of adherence to the core principles of impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity.

Mr. Vice President,

We have been impressing upon the Council, for years, that the denial of the singular right of self-determination results in the denial of various other interconnected rights; this holds particularly true in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT).

We strongly reject and deplore the attempts to demonize the legitimate actions of people under foreign occupation to realize their right to self-determination.

Mr. Vice President,

The current situation in OPT has laid bare the efficacy and credibility of the human rights mechanisms in preventing such atrocities.

Protection and promotion of all human rights, including the economic, social, cultural rights of Palestinians remains inextricably linked to ending their illegal occupation.

The incessant crimes perpetrated by Israeli occupation forces in OPT demonstrate brazen impunity and inordinate disregard for the international law should be a wakeup call for all!

We reiterate our demand for the implementation of ICJ's provisional measures and call for immediate and unconditional ceasefire, cessation of all-out aggression against the



Palestinian people, the provision of unimpeded and adequate humanitarian, medical, and relief aid and warn against the crimes of using starvation as a method of warfare.

We reject all attempts to displace, expel, or forcibly transfer the Palestinian people from their land.

Mr. Vice President,

The cascading effects of under development, rising debt, geopolitical conflicts, and climate catastrophes have exacerbated existing inequalities and impeded progress toward the achievement of SDGs.

We call attention to fulfilment of commitments related to financing for development, climate adaptation and revisiting the present international economic, financial and taxation regime.

The Group also reiterates its call for shared efforts to combat the rising tide of xenophobia, racial discrimination, racism, and Islamophobia.

We underline the need for speaking out against religious intolerance and for taking preventive action countering religious hatred constituting incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence.

Thank you!