



**Statement on behalf of the OIC Group, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during General Debate Item 4**  
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Mr. Vice President,

The OIC group reaffirms its support to the mandate of the Council in promoting universal respect for all human rights.

We underscore that in the pursuit of fulfilling its mandate, the Council must keep in its view the interdependence, indivisibility, and interrelatedness of all human rights.

The OIC group reiterates that prioritizing certain human rights over others remains in contravention of the fundamental architecture of international human rights law and such approaches must be avoided.

The Council and its mechanisms' work must not be politically driven or selective, as it has proven to be counterproductive.

In order to enhance constructive engagement, cooperation and genuine dialogue - the Council's actions should be seen to be impartial and non-selective.

Mr. Vice President,

We are deeply distressed by the inability of the UN system to protect the rights of the besieged Palestinian people.

We are disappointed by the selective approach taken by several members of the Human Rights Council who have shied away from unequivocally condemning Israel's crimes against the Palestinians.

We also reject the prejudiced approach, taken by some, to equate the oppressed and the oppressor and the occupier and the occupied, in this context.

We underline the need for implementation of ICJ's provisional measures, enforcing an immediate ceasefire; provision of humanitarian support, ending the occupation of Palestine and realization of the state of Palestine on pre -1967 borders.

Mr. Vice President,

The OIC Group also remains concerned over the increasing anti-Muslim hatred, discrimination, violence and a sharp rise in Islamophobic incidents globally.



In this context, the group welcomes the UNGA resolution on measures to combat Islamophobia, passed by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Vice President,

We also urge the Council's attention towards systematic and persistent human rights violations in situations of foreign occupation, which remain on the agenda of both the UN and OIC, but have become blind-spots for many members and observers of this Council.

I thank you!