



**OIC Statement, delivered by Amb. Khalil Hashmi, PR, during High Commissioner For
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Mr. President,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the OIC Group.

The rapid growth in and adoption of new technologies portends immense promise for individuals and societies. Yet, the pace of their development, deployment and use presents unforeseen perils for human rights, dignity and needs.

The Artificial Intelligence stands out among the new technologies both for its unintended harms and the lack of normative guardrails.

We agree with the High Commissioner that “safeguards to protect human rights must be firmly in place at the conception phases of technology and throughout its lifecycle”.

We are deeply concerned over the impact of AI on the world of work and its potential to exacerbate global inequalities. The existing normative framework lacks sufficient clarity and tools to ensure that development and application of AI will be compliant with human rights principles and norms.

We therefore call for adherence to principles of equity, non-discrimination, transparency, respect for privacy, human control, and accountability.

We also underscore the imperative that design, development, and use of AI based applications by States and non-state actors must be consistent with existing obligations under international human rights law.

Laissez-faire national or sectoral approaches are no substitute to the development of a universal normative framework that aims to address the unique dangers arising from the breathtaking speed of AI development and its use.

In this regard, as a first step, we highlight the need of a study on how to apply the existing international human rights principles and law in the governance framework of AI, identify gaps and recommend norms and rules to mitigate present and future harms.

Thank you!