

40TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Resolution A/HRC/40/L25 - "Ensuring accountability and justice for all violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem"

Introduction by Pakistan on behalf of the sponsors of the OIC draft resolution

Mr. President,

On behalf of the OIC, I have the honor to introduce the draft resolution on "Ensuring accountability and justice for all violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem", contained in document A/HRC/40/L25. Previously, this resolution was tabled under agenda item 7, however, in order to avoid any politicization of this important initiative and unnecessary and non-substantive opposition, the OIC has tabled it under agenda item 2.

2. The objective of the draft resolution is to welcome the report of the independent international commission of inquiry on the protests in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and to call for the implementation of its recommendations as well as the recommendations of other relevant commissions of inquiry and Fact-Finding Missions. It is indeed imperative to end impunity for violations of international law in the Occupied State of Palestine.

Mr. President,

3. The Preambular part of the resolution recalls relevant rules and principles of international law including international human rights and humanitarian law in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, which is applicable to the Occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem. It emphasizes the importance of the safety and well-being of all civilians, and reaffirms the obligation to ensure the protection of civilians in armed conflict.

4. It notes the importance of the work of the independent international commission of inquiry on the protests in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and other relevant Human Rights Council mechanisms.

5. The operative part of the draft resolution welcomes the report of the

independent international commission of inquiry on the protests in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and calls upon all duty bearers and United Nations bodies to pursue the implementation of all the recommendations contained in it and in the reports of other relevant Human Rights Council mechanisms, in accordance with their respective mandates.

6. It calls upon all States to promote compliance with human rights obligations, and all High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention to respect, and to ensure respect for, international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in accordance with article 1 common to the Geneva Conventions, and to fulfill their obligations under articles 146, 147 and 148 of the said Convention.

7. It requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to strengthen the field presence of the Office of the High Commissioner in the Occupied Palestinian Territory particularly in the occupied Gaza Strip, and to deploy the personnel and expertise necessary to monitor and document the ongoing violations of international law in the context of large-scale civilian protests in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in the occupied Gaza Strip.

Mr. President,

7. We urge Member States to be consistent with their principled position on ensuring accountability and to adopt this resolution by consensus.

I thank you.