

**Debate on the mitigation and countering of rising nationalist
populism and extreme supremacist ideologies**

Remarks by Pakistan

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Mr. President,

The OIC Group is greatly shocked by the cowardly and inhuman terrorist attacks on two mosques in New Zealand today that have resulted in the loss of precious innocent lives of 40 Muslims.

2. We condemn this terrorist attack in the strongest manner and solidarity with the people of New Zealand in the fight against terrorism. We express heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who have lost their lives and pray for early recovery of the injured.

3. The OIC reiterates its strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The international community must stand united against this menace and take necessary steps to address the root causes. Terrorism has grave consequences on the enjoyment of all human rights especially the right to life of the victims of terrorism as well as the economic and social rights of victims' families.

4. We must strengthen our resolve to strengthen framework on combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief. We believe that disinformation against any religion or community acts as major proponent for incitement to violence and must be curbed by all stakeholders. Populism and extreme supremacist ideologies by any political party or parliamentarians must be denounced by all across the board. Such a narrative misleads the general

public into hate driven discourse committing horrendous crimes including terrorist activities, mass murders, attacking of women on wearing hijab, killing of people for eating beef, regulations against building of mosques etc. We must unite against rhetoric of “us against them” and work together to build a tolerant world based on principles of non-selectivity, mutual understanding and respect, peaceful settlement of all conflicts and diversity of civilizations.

I thankyou Mr. President.