

40TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Resolution A/HRC/40/L4 - "Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Syrian Golan"

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

Mr. President,

On behalf of around 63 co-sponsors, the draft resolution titled "Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Syrian Golan" as contained in document A/HRC/40/L4 is being introduced by OIC.

2. OIC believes that since the occupation of Syrian Golan in 1967, grave and systematic human rights violations including the imposition of illegal Israeli citizenship on Syrian citizens, the arbitrary arrests of Syrians, lack of due process guarantees afforded to Syrians and prohibition on the visits of the Syrian citizens to their families in their motherland Syria, continue.

Mr. President,

3. The preambular part of the resolution reaffirms the principle of inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force and deplores the settlements in the occupied Arab territories. It also makes reference to the relevant provisions of the UN Charter, international human rights and humanitarian law and the relevant UN resolutions on occupied Syrian Golan. It also desires that peace talks will be resumed on the basis of the full implementation of resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) for the establishment of a just and comprehensive peace in the region.

4. The operative paragraphs focuses on the grave human rights situation of the Syrian citizens in occupied Syrian Golan, expresses grave concern about Israeli practices in the occupied Syrian Golan contained in the report of the Secretary General submitted to the fortieth session of the Human Rights Council. It calls upon the occupying power to comply with all relevant UN resolutions and in particular Security Council resolution 497 (1981), in which the Council decided, inter alia, that the decision to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the occupied Syrian Golan is null and void. It also expresses regret at the non-cooperation of Israel with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and deplores the Israeli settlement expansion plans in the occupied Syrian Golan and Israeli Practices affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories. It calls upon Israel to allow delegates of the ICRC to visit Syrian prisoners of conscience and detainees in prisons accompanied by specialized physicians to assess their physical and mental health.

5. In light of the prolonged occupation of Syrian Golan, resulting in blatant human rights violations, OIC hope that the text will enjoy the full support of this Council and that it will be adopted by consensus.

I thank you.