

**40<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**Resolution A/HRC/40/L26 - "Right of the Palestinian people to self-determination"**

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

Mr. President,

On behalf of the OIC member states and other co-sponsors, I have the honor to introduce the draft resolution titled "Right of the Palestinian people to self-determination" contained in document A/HRC/40/L.26.

2. The realization of the right to self-determination is an essential condition for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. This draft text focuses on the inalienable right to self-determination of the Palestinian people, granted through the UN Charter, international law, international human rights covenants and relevant UN resolutions.

Mr. President,

3. The draft resolution reaffirms the inalienable, permanent and unqualified right of the Palestinian people to right to live in freedom, justice and dignity, and the right to their independent State of Palestine. It also supports the two Solution, Palestine and Israel, living side by side in peace and security.

4. The draft text stresses the need for respect for and preservation of the territorial unity, contiguity and integrity of all of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. It also urges the international community to support and assist the Palestinian people in the early realization of their right to self-determination.

5. This draft resolution contains facts, recognized and acknowledged by the international community. Due to the universal character of this right and its continued applicability to the Palestinian people, we trust that this resolution will be adopted by consensus.

I thank you.