



Statement on behalf of the OIC by Ambassador Zaman Mehdi, Deputy Permanent Representative during the Introduction of Draft Resolution “human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan, A/HRC/49/L19

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Mr. President,

On behalf of the OIC member states and co-sponsors, Pakistan presents the draft resolution entitled "human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan", as contained in document A/HRC/49/L19.

We strongly condemn grave human rights violations in the occupied Syrian Golan that range from imposition of illegal Israeli citizenship on Syrian citizens, arbitrary arrests, exploitation of natural resources and prohibition on the visits of Syrian citizens to their families in Syria. We reject all actions that are aimed to perpetuate the illegal occupation.

Reaffirming the illegality of Israel's 1981 decision, imposing its laws in the occupied Syrian Golan, the draft resolution highlights the established international legal principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force. It also expresses hope for the resumption of peace talks for a just and comprehensive peace in the region on the basis of Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973).

The resolution deplores continuing settlement policies and practices including the holding of the Israeli cabinet in the occupied Syrian Golan to announce new plans to expand illegal settlements.

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The operative part calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to comply with the relevant UN resolutions in particular Security Council resolution 497 (1981), rejects Israel's imposition of laws and jurisdiction in the occupied Syrian Golan and demands Israel to rescind its decision immediately. Deploring the continuing settlement policies and start of projects with harmful impacts on Syrian population in the occupied Syrian Golan, it demands Israel to immediately cease all settlement related plans and activities including changing the physical character and demographic composition.

As the draft resolution is based on the principles of international law, we look-forward towards consensus adoption of L19.

I thank you.