



Statement on behalf of the OIC by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan during the Organizational Meeting of the Human Rights Council
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Mr. President,

The OIC congratulates you on assuming the HRC Presidency and assures you of its cooperation in the discharge of your responsibilities.

We also thank the Bureau for sharing additional information on extraordinary modalities for the 49th HRC Session in the backdrop of COVID situation and host country regulations.

The OIC welcomes the hybrid format for plenary meetings and informal consultations. This format will allow in-person interactions, thus facilitating more engagement and dialogue.

Now I would briefly highlight OIC Group's initiatives during the forthcoming session.

The OIC will present its traditional resolution 16/18 titled "Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief". Given the contemporary salience of this resolution, the Group looks forward to the support of the Council members as well as the broader UN membership.

Under agenda item 2, we would present a draft resolution entitled "Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice".

Under agenda Item 7, we would present the following three resolutions as follows:

- 1) Right of the Palestinian people to self-determination
- 2) Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan
- 3) Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan

I thank you.