



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during ID with the Special Rapporteur on Occupied Palestinian Territory**

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**Mr. President,**

Pakistan thanks the Special Rapporteur for presenting her pertinent report and reaffirms our support for her mandate.

Despite overbearing challenges, the Special Rapporteur has demonstrated admirable professional integrity and tenacity to document the crimes being perpetrated against the besieged Palestinians.

We echo the concerns of the SR regarding the blatant crimes and violations of international law being perpetrated in OPT and the impunity enjoyed by the occupation forces.

The last few months have laid bare the commitment of many to the so-called 'rules-based international order'.

The selectivity and partiality demonstrated by certain states, whilst lending support for Israel's colonial designs, have allowed it to perpetuate its apartheid regime and commit blatant crimes without any fear of accountability.

The ominous declarations by Israeli leadership regarding a possible attack on Rafah should jolt our collective human conscience and the international community must utilize every measure to avert this catastrophe in the making.

Pakistan condemns the continuous systematic violations of international law by Israeli occupying forces and the extremist settlers, in the Occupied West Bank.

The apartheid regime has unleashed the reign of terror against the defenceless Palestinian people, resulting in loss of innocent lives and injuries.

We reiterate our call for (i) an immediate ceasefire and end to hostilities; (ii) implementation of ICJ's provisional measures; (iii) unhindered access to UN human rights mechanisms; and (iv) a two-state solution, with a free and secure State of Palestine on the pre-1967 borders.

I thank you.