



**Statement on behalf of the OIC delivered by Amb. Bilal Ahmad, during the
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Mr. President,

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

In terms of the Group's initiatives during the forthcoming session, we will present the 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". The OIC Group looks forward to the support of the Council members as well as the broader UN membership for this important resolution of increasing contemporary salience.

Under agenda item 2, the Group 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 table the following three draft resolutions:

- 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

We invite all Council members to lend their support to these draft texts.

I thank you.