



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, during General
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Mr. Vice President,

Every year we hear certain delegations waxing eloquent on the need for protecting and promoting human rights, in various situations, however, their selective approach is glaringly evident in their unfounded opposition to item 7.

It has repeatedly been claimed that item 7 gives undue importance to one particular situation.

Mr. Vice President, I ask a simple question.

Has there ever been a bigger collective failure of the UN system than the continued occupation of Palestine?

The singular denial of Palestinians' right to self-determination and the perpetuation of Israeli occupation has resulted in the ongoing unspeakable tragedy.

While we remain focused on the continued crimes being perpetrated in Occupied Gaza – the situation in the West Bank continues to deteriorate; as settler violence enormously increased.

Since 7th October, Israeli settlers, under the aegis of the apartheid occupation regime have killed over 450 Palestinians, injured 4700 and 1400 forcibly displaced more than 1400, in the West Bank alone.

We condemn the continued impunity surrounding such criminal actions; the violations of international law and call for accountability.

Mr. Vice President,

The continuation of persistent and systematic violation of the rights of Palestinian people necessitates substantive discussion under this item.

We thank the OHCHR and relevant SPMHs for publicly speaking out against Israeli aggression.

Pakistan has welcomed the adoption on UNSC binding resolution 2728 and demand for its implementation.

We reiterate our call for ending the Israeli occupation and reaffirm our support for the two State solution on the pre-1967 borders with Al-Quds Al Sharif as its capital.

I thank you!