



**Statement, delivered on behalf of OIC by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi,
Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the UN, during Interactive dialogue
with the High Commissioner on Ensuring accountability and Justice for all
Violations of International Law in the OPT at the 46th session of Human Rights
Council**

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Madame President,

On behalf of the OIC member states, we thank the High Commissioner for her report.

The OIC is deeply concerned over the report creating a false sense of moral equivalence between Israel the occupying power and the occupied State of Palestine. There can be no legitimacy for an illegal occupier whose crimes against humanity are well established under international human rights and humanitarian laws.

The OIC registers its strong disappointment over the undue incorporation of the occupiers' self-serving narrative. This is tantamount to undercutting the very notion of accountability. Such an approach also undermines the spirit of resolution 43/3. The report also lacks analysis about the drivers and structural impediments to accountability and is largely silent on decades of impunity for violations of international law in the occupied Palestinian territories.

Madame President,

The OIC condemns the ongoing excessive use of force including live ammunition by the Occupying forces against Palestinian civilians, resulting in the killing of 67 Palestinians, including 16 children and 3 women, during the reporting period. Around 3,678 Palestinians were injured.

The OIC condemns once again Israel's refusal to cooperate with OHCHR and other Human Rights Council mechanisms, and remains deeply concerned about Israel's lack of implementation of recommendations by the Occupying power. Since 2009, relevant Human Rights Council mechanisms have made 551 recommendations addressing wide range of Israeli violations in the OPT. Regrettably, Israel's compliance rate is an abysmal 0.4%.

The OIC renews its calls on all states and relevant UN bodies to take concrete and decisive actions to ensure meaningful accountability of Israel including through ensuring respect for the Geneva Conventions and relevant resolutions of the various UN bodies by Israel.

I thank you.