



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

We thank the High Commissioner for his oral update at a time when the multilateral system is struggling to live up to peoples' trust.

Sadly, across the globe, the human rights landscape presents a dismal picture.

The OIC condemns, in the strongest terms all crimes committed by the Israeli Occupation Forces in Occupied Palestinian Territory.

It is high time that violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law including war crimes committed against the Palestinian people are investigated and accountability follows.

We call for implementation of provisional measures issued by the ICJ and remind all states of their responsibilities in this regard.

We reiterate our longstanding call for upholding respect for human rights and international humanitarian law in the OPT including in East Jerusalem and reaffirm our support to the COI's work.

We also call for reversal of all measures aimed at institutionalizing illegal occupation, apartheid and colonial settlement enterprise in OPT.

Mr. President,

The human rights situation in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir remains a matter of deep anguish. We urge India to comply with the applicable UN Security Council resolutions and implement recommendations addressed to it in the two Kashmir reports by OHCHR, which need to be updated. The Council must pay attention to consistent observations made by SPMHs on the human rights violations, impunity and draconian laws in the occupied territory.

The OIC also calls on this Council to work towards securing justice and accountability for the Rohingya people, including through their safe, dignified, and voluntary return to their homes in Myanmar. The OIC reiterates its full solidarity with Bangladesh and supports calls for assistance to Bangladesh in efforts to achieving a durable solution.

The OIC condemns the damage and loss of properties inflicted by Armenia including cultural heritage and religious sites in the territories of Azerbaijan liberated from the occupation. The OIC reaffirms its full support to the Government and people of Azerbaijan and call upon the international community to extend assistance to Azerbaijan for safe and dignified return of Azerbaijani IDPs.



Mr. President,

We strongly condemn the acts of religious hatred manifested in the repeated acts of desecration of the Holy Quran. We underline the need for enacting legal measures by states to tackle this menace.

I thank you!