



**National Statement delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during ID with SR on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context**

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Mr. President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes the Special Rapporteur and thanks him for this report.

We agree that a diversity of factors are increasingly driving up forced displacement of people and communities.

But while forced displacement is happening for a variety of reasons, we must point to the scale of this crisis in the OPT (Occupied Palestinian Territory), as has the Special Rapporteur.

In addition to the horrific situation in the besieged Gaza Strip, settler violence in the West Bank, and demolition of homes in occupied Jammu & Kashmir reflect gross violations of the right to adequate housing in territories under occupation.

Nearly two-thirds of Gaza's residents have been rendered homeless and forcibly displaced by the occupation forces' unrelenting onslaught.

More than half of the total population has been forced to move more than once under an unending hailstorm of air and artillery strikes. Nowhere is safe in Gaza.

We echo the Special Rapporteur's call for ending arms transfers that enable Israel's inhuman de-housing campaign against the Palestinian people.

Pakistan reiterates its call for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire; this mindless slaughter must end.

Pakistan urges the international community to step up assistance for Gaza's people to rebuild their homes, communities and lives.

I thank you.