



**Statement on behalf of OIC delivered by Amb. Zaman Mehdi, during the  
Interactive Dialogue with UN Special Rapporteur on Afghanistan  
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**Mr. President,**

We take note of the Special Rapporteur's report. It reflects on important elements of human rights situation in Afghanistan but shies away from making realistic recommendations to address the dire humanitarian and economic crises.

We share SR's concerns on Afghanistan's deteriorating humanitarian, human rights, social and economic situation.

We also echo the call for respecting all human rights of all Afghans, including women, children, and minorities.

We are disappointed over the suspension of female education in Afghanistan and the decision ordering all national and international NGOs to suspend female employees.

The right of women and girls to access all levels of education is a fundamental right in keeping with the Islamic injunctions and international human rights law.

We urge the de-facto Afghan authorities to take steps towards the resumption of female education and allow them to contribute to Afghan society.

It is important to remember that Peace, security, development, stability, and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing.

The international community must therefore continue to engage Afghanistan inter alia through provision of humanitarian assistance, help to revitalize the economy and assist in realization of all rights by everyone.

The OIC stands in solidarity with the Afghan people and reaffirms its commitment to support durable peace, stability, and development in the country.