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Statement

43RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Draft resolution A/HRC/43/L28 - "Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Syrian Golan"

Introduction by Pakistan on behalf of OIC

Madam President,

On behalf of OIC Members and co-sponsors, Pakistan has the honor to introduce the draft resolution titled "Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Syrian Golan" as contained in document A/HRC/43/L28.

OIC believes that under the illegal occupation of Syrian Golan in 1967, grave and systematic human rights violations have continued unabated. These violations include, inter alia, imposition of illegal Israeli citizenship on Syrian citizens, arbitrary arrests, lack of due process guarantees and prohibition on the visits of the Syrian citizens to their families in their motherland Syria.

Madam President,

The Preambular part of the resolution reaffirms the principle of inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force and deplores the settlements in the occupied Arab territories. It also makes reference to the relevant provisions of the UN Charter, international human rights and humanitarian laws and the relevant UN resolutions on occupied Syrian Golan. It also expresses hope for resumption of peace talks, on the basis of full implementation of resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973).

The operative paragraphs express grave concern over Israeli practices in the occupied Syrian Golan, as highlighted in the UN Secretary-General's report submitted to the 43rd session of the Human Rights Council, deplore that Israel continues settlement expansion plans in the occupied territory and express regret at Israel's policy of non-cooperation towards the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

The resolution calls upon the occupying power to stop its violations and practices that obstruct the enjoyment of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights by the Syrian citizens. It further demands the occupying power's compliance with all relevant UN resolutions and in particular Security Council resolution 497 (1981), which, inter alia, declared null and void the decision by Israel to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the occupied Syrian Golan.

The resolution also calls upon Member States not to recognize any of the Israeli legislative or administrative measures in the occupied Syrian Golan.

In light of long-standing illegal occupation of Syrian Golan, resulting in grave human rights violations, we hope that the text will enjoy full support of this Council and will be adopted by consensus.

I thank you.