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Statement

43RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Draft Resolution A/HRC/43/L39 - "Right of the Palestinian people to self-determination"
(under Agenda Item 7)
Introduction by Pakistan on behalf of OIC

Madam President,

On behalf of the OIC member states and co-sponsors, Pakistan has the honor to introduce the draft resolution titled "Right of the Palestinian people to self-determination", contained in document A/HRC/43/L.39.

The realization of the right to self-determination is an essential condition for the promotion and protection of other basic human rights and fundamental freedoms. This draft text focuses on the inalienable right to self-determination of the Palestinian people, affirmed by the UN Charter, international law, international human rights covenants and relevant UN resolutions.

Madam President,

The draft resolution reaffirms the inalienable, permanent and unqualified right of the Palestinian people to live in freedom, justice and dignity, and the right to their independent State of Palestine. It also reaffirms the need for achieving a just, comprehensive and lasting peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in conformity with international law and other internationally agreed parameters including all relevant United Nations resolutions.

The draft text also supports the two-State solution, with Palestine and Israel, living side by side in peace and security and stresses the need for respect for and preservation of the territorial unity, contiguity and integrity of all of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. It also urges the international community to support and assist the Palestinian people in the early realization of their right to self-determination.

Madam President,

This draft resolution contains facts, recognized and acknowledged by the international community. Due to the universal character of this right and its continued applicability to the Palestinian people, we hope that this resolution will be adopted by consensus.

I thank you.