



## Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

### Statement

#### 43<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Draft resolution A/HRC/43/L36 - "Ensuring accountability and justice for all violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem"(under Agenda Item 2)

#### Introduction by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC

Madam President,

On behalf of the OIC, I have the honor to introduce draft resolution on "Ensuring accountability and justice for all violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem", contained in document A/HRC/43/L36.

The objective of the draft resolution is to recall and welcome the reports of relevant Independent Commissions of Inquiry, and Fact-finding Missions and to demand for implementation of their recommendations. It is, indeed, imperative to end impunity for violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian territory (OPT).

Madam President,

The Preambular part of the resolution recalls relevant rules and principles of international human rights and humanitarian laws, in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, which is applicable to the Occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem. It emphasizes the importance of the safety and well-being of civilians, and reaffirms the obligation to ensure the protection of civilians in armed conflict.

The operative part of the draft resolution notes the importance of the work of the independent international commission of inquiry on the protests in the OPT and other relevant Human Rights Council mechanisms, and calls upon all duty bearers and UN bodies, in accordance with their respective mandates, to pursue the implementation of recommendations made by these mechanisms.

The resolution also calls upon all States to promote compliance with human rights obligations. It further call upon all High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention to respect, and to ensure respect for, international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in accordance with article 1 common to the Geneva Conventions, and to fulfill their obligations under articles 146, 147 and 148 of the said Convention.

Finally, the draft resolution requests the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to present a report at the 46<sup>th</sup> session, on how all parties can fulfil their obligations in implementing the recommendations reviewed in report 35/19 of 2017, including measures of accountability and legal measures to be taken by States to ensure respect by Israel, and all other relevant parties, of their obligations under international law in the OPT, including East Jerusalem.

Madam President, we urge Member States to be consistent with their principled position on ensuring accountability and to adopt this resolution by consensus.

I thank you.