



## Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

### Statement

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#### **Agenda Item-3 - Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Environment**

##### OIC Statement

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Madam President,

My delegation is making this statement on behalf of OIC Member States.

OIC commends the Special Rapporteur for compiling global good practices related to his mandate and thanks him for comprehensive presentation of his report.

Madam President,

Promoting and protecting a clean, healthy and sustainable environment lies at the very heart of Islamic teachings.

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) always taught and encouraged personal hygiene and maintenance of clean public spaces. Therefore, for us, the commitment to safeguard and advance the right to environment remains very strong and clear.

Addressing environmental degradation, climate change and food insecurity figure prominently as one of the key priorities in the OIC's Programme of Action for 2016-2025. We stand ready to contribute in every possible way towards global efforts to protect and preserve environment-our common good.

Madam President,

Today, humanity finds itself at a critical juncture.

As the international community accelerates its efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the climate emergency is upon us.

The human rights implications of climate change and environmental degradation have already begun to manifest themselves.

It is a sad irony that those countries, which generate only nominal amounts of greenhouse gases annually, are the most vulnerable. This is further compounded by the fact that majority of climate vulnerable countries are either least developing or developing ones.

OIC, therefore, reiterates that developed countries should facilitate provision of financial, technical and technological support and technology transfer to the climate vulnerable countries.

I thank you.