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Geneva

Statement, delivered on behalf of OIC by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Pakistan Permanent Representative to the UN, during Interactive Dialogue on Annual Report by the High Commissioner for Human Rights during 44th session Of Human Rights Council

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Madame President,

On behalf of the OIC, I thank the High Commissioner for her oral update.

The OIC reiterates the principles of universality, impartiality, non-selectivity and transparency should guide the Council in discharging its mandate.

This Council must transcend parochial interests, double standards and selectivity to address systematic violations of human rights of people in conflicts situations that are on the agenda of the UN and the OIC, namely, Palestine, Myanmar, Jammu & Kashmir, and Nagorno-Karabakh.

Madame President,

The OIC urges an earnest follow up of HRC resolution No. 31/36 regarding database on business enterprises involved in Israeli settlement activities. Such a follow up does not require new HRC mandate. We call on all UN bodies and the Council to ensure that all business enterprises stop their activities and hold accountable those responsible for violations of the rights of the Palestinian people.

The OIC views the provisional order by the International Court of Justice on Myanmar is a positive development and commends the Gambia and Maldives for their initiatives. We encourage the international community to continue seeking justice and accountability for the Rohingya people as well as for ensuring their safe, dignified and voluntary return. The OIC expresses full solidarity with the Government and people of Bangladesh who are deeply affected by the Rohingya influx and calls on the international community to work towards the lasting solution of this issue.

The OIC reiterates its concerns over the human rights situation in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and calls on all concerned to ensure the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms. The OIC urges the Council to implement OHCHR's recommendations on Jammu & Kashmir and the High Commissioner to continue the reporting on the matter. The OIC seeks the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions on Jammu & Kashmir and fulfill the promises made to Kashmiri people.

The OIC is deeply distressed over the plight of more than one million Azerbaijani displaced persons and refugees resulting from the Armenian aggression, and calls upon the



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High Commissioner to take a principled position to ensuring restoration of the rights of Azerbaijani IDPs and refugees in line with the relevant resolutions of UNSC on the conflict.

On Afghanistan, the OIC condemns in strongest terms the recent deadly terrorist attacks on a maternity hospital and a funeral. The OIC reaffirms its support and solidarity with the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in its battle against terrorism, stressing its outright rejection of terrorism and extremism in all forms and manifestations. The OIC echoes the call by SG and other eminent figures for an immediate cease-fire and to put an end to violence in Afghanistan. A ceasefire is also vital for achieving comprehensive reconciliation and lasting peace within the framework of an Afghan-led and owned peace process.

Madame President,

The OIC remains concerned about the growing incidents of xenophobia, Islamophobia and religious intolerance, resulting in stigmatization, negative stereotyping, denigration of venerated personalities and hate crimes against Muslim migrants.

It is important for this Council and the UN human rights machinery to take meaningful steps to counter hate speech, both offline and online as well as hate crimes that are a barrier towards the shared goal of peaceful and inclusive societies.

Finally, the OIC wishes to emphasize the need to uphold human rights and human dignity in the face of COVID pandemic. Following the extraordinary video conference meeting of the OIC Executive Committee on the Consequences of COVID-19 Pandemic and Joint Response in April 2020, the OIC established the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to allocate an account to assist Member States, especially the least developed countries (LDCs), to strengthen their capabilities in response to the pandemic, particularly in the health sector. Furthermore, we endorse the call for equitable access to all COVID related health technologies including vaccine, as global public good.

I thank you.