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before

**the Fourth Session of the Human Rights Council
on
the Follow – up to the Decisions of the Human Rights
Council
"Situation of the Human Rights in Occupied
Palestinian Territories"**

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. President,

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by Pakistan, on behalf of the OIC.

After nearly one year of its inception, the Human Rights Council has shown its maturity by acting quickly on the most urgent situations through holding two emergency sessions to discuss the atrocities committed against the peoples of Palestine. However, instead of improving, the situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories has further deteriorated and the suffering of the Palestinian people has increased, while those responsible for those crimes and violations continue to ignore the decisions of the Human Rights Council in absolute impunity.

Regrettably, all these terrorist activities and the ones committed previously against the Palestinian people have been going on while there has been serious and meaningful failure in cooperation on the part of the Israeli regime in the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council. The lack of cooperation by Israel needs serious consideration of this august body.

As indicated in the report of Mr. John Dugard, contained in document A/HRC/4/116, resolution S-1/Res.1 remains unimplemented. It is a cause of concern that the two Council's High Level Missions have not been able to accomplish the mandates given to them by the Council as a result of the failure of Israel, the occupying power.

Mr. President,

The report of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian territories contained in document A/HRC/4/17, acknowledges that the Occupied Palestinian Territory is the only instance of a developing country that is denied the right to self-determination. The situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories remains a test for the Human Rights Council, a test by which its commitment to human rights is to be judged.

The report before us refers to the humanitarian crisis in both the West bank and Gaza and that the Palestinian people have been subjected to economic sanctions by western countries. The elected authorities of Palestine remain under arbitrary detention. Recently the world witnessed yet another round of the Israeli aggression against the holy sites in occupied East Jerusalem.

The impunity given by the Security Council, as the result the shameful exercise of the veto by the United States, the main accomplice of Israel, has allowed the occupying power to carry out its crimes, so far, has enhanced Israeli its aggressive policies and terrorist acts against innocent civilians under false pretext.

To this end and due to the gravity and the long – standing violations of the human rights of the Palestinians, still suffering decades of foreign occupation, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that the Council, through an independent agenda, continue to be seized of this question permanently and effectively. We unequivocally emphasis the necessity of maintaining of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Palestinian territories up to end of occupation.

Thank you