

OIC Statement by Pakistan on the report of the Independent International
Fact Finding Mission under agenda item 7, during the 15th Session of the
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I am making this statement on behalf of the member states of the OIC.

Mr. President,

The OIC welcomes the report of the Independent International Fact Finding Mission. As the report clearly establishes in its conclusions, the actions of the IDF in blocking the flotilla were a violation of international law as was the naval blockade that preceded it. The report further concludes that the Israeli military committed serious human rights violations against the civilian passengers of the flotilla. The OIC strongly endorses all these conclusions.

This Council in its resolution adopted on 2nd June 2010 had strongly condemned the yet again unprovoked and outrageous Israeli attack on the humanitarian flotilla in the international waters, which resulted in the loss of lives and injury to many other innocent civilians. The OIC would like to reiterate its strong condemnation of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupation forces against innocent people. This unwarranted and unprovoked military action by Israel against a humanitarian mission constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and norms and values of humanity. Israeli forces and leadership are fully responsible and must be held accountable for these blatant violations of international human rights and humanitarian laws.

The OIC regrets that the occupying power, Israel, refused to cooperate with the IFFM and demands that it carry out prompt, independent, and impartial judicial investigations of violations of international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law with a view to bringing the perpetrators to justice.

The OIC believes that the important conclusions contained in the report must be implemented full by all concerned parties and reiterates the demand also contained in the report, that all those who suffered loss as a result of the unlawful actions of the Israeli military will be compensated adequately and promptly/

The OIC calls on the HRC to continue to monitor closely the implementation of the conclusions of the report.

I thank you Mr. President.