



General Assembly

Distr.: General
21 May 2021

Original: English

Human Rights Council

Thirtieth special session

27 May 2021

Letter dated 19 May 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan and the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

Pakistan, on behalf of the States members of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) indicated in the attached list, and the State of Palestine request the Human Rights Council to convene a special session on 27 May 2021 to address the grave human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

Due to the urgency of the current situation, we request the convening of the special session in accordance with the relevant rules of procedures, including paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, paragraphs 119 to 128 of the annex to the Council resolution 5/1 and rules 5 and 6 of the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council.

The present request for a special session enjoys the support of OIC States members as well as of a group of non-OIC States that are members and observers of the Human Rights Council (see annex).

We request the secretariat of the Human Rights Council to make the necessary arrangements and preparations.

(signed)

Khalil Hashmi
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of Pakistan
Coordinator of the
Organization of Islamic
Cooperation on Human
Rights and Humanitarian
Issues

(signed)

Ibrahim Khraishi
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Observer of the
State of Palestine



Annex

States Members and observer States of the Human Rights Council requesting the convening of a special session

Member States

Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burkina Faso, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Eritrea, Gabon, Indonesia, Libya, Mauritania, Mexico, Namibia, Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Observer States

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and the State of Palestine
