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We have also carefully studied the report of the four Special Rapporteurs to Lebanon and Israel. My delegation associates itself with statement made by the distinguished Ambassador of Pakistan on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Conference.

We share the concern expressed by Pakistan on the deficiencies of the report. Without going into much detail on them since they have been clearly and eloquently reflected in the OIC statement let me make, Mr. President, some observations.

The report's conclusions and recommendations fall short of expectations since there is an artificial and misleading balancing that in turn put the objectivity and impartiality of the report in doubt. papulation en fre the Leberson

We also believe that the principles of distinction between civilizers and combatants, prohibition against indiscriminate attacks and proportionality have not been dbserved.

Therefore, we joined the decision of the OIC to distance ourselves from the conclusions of the report, which do not have any action-oriented value.

It is also regretful that Special Rapporteur on the right to food was not enabled to visit Israel to examine the situation of the right to food of the affected Israeli population. We support the call that Special Rapporteur should be given the opportunity to visit Israel.

I thank you, Mr. President.