

**Statement by Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Deputy Permanent
Representative of Pakistan on behalf of the Organization of Islamic
Conference on the Update by the High Commissioner for Human
Rights, 29 November 2006.**

Mr. President,

~~On behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, I would like to thank the High Commissioner for Human Rights for her update this morning. We~~
~~hope to receive in addition to the bullet points, an outline of the report from the Office to facilitate substantive inputs by delegations and Groups to the High Commissioner's updates.~~

The High Commissioner has validated the concerns of the Human Rights Council and the international community regarding the grave situation of human rights in the Palestinian Occupied Territory that stem from the decades old occupation.

We agree with ~~her~~ ^{High Commissioner's} assessment that the situation is particularly acute in the occupied Palestinian Territory. The High Commissioner has called for specific measures to address this situation. These include (a) accountability to be available to the Palestinians allowing for investigations which are law based, independent, transparent and accessible, ^{and} adequate reparation; (b) personal accountability of individuals involved in the use of force, ensuring compliance with international law and appropriate punitive or remedial action where negligence, recklessness or intent is established; (c) right to freedom of movement to the Palestinians which is seriously compromised within the West Bank, and between the West Bank and Gaza as well as Palestinian access to Jerusalem; ~~(d) ending discriminatory policies and practices by the Israeli Government towards all individuals; and (e) urgent attention to address the plight of those in prison, captured or otherwise detained as a consequence of the crisis. The OIC supports these proposed measures.~~

We hope that the implementation of the recommendations of the High Commissioner and that of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Occupied Palestinian Territory will help address the human rights situation and reverse the profound sense of ~~frustration and~~ abandonment + vulnerability prevailing in the region.

The long term solution, one that has been supported by the OIC, lies in a just political resolution of the situation in the Middle East. In this context, we welcome the announcement of ceasefire on 27 November 2006 by ~~Israel and Hamas~~ ^{by Israel and Hamas}.

Mr. President,

During its last session the Special Reporter on the human rights situation in Sudan had acknowledged that the framework for the protection and promotion of human rights has taken shape through the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), creation of the Government of National Unity and the fast integration of different regions into the federation.

Mr. President,

→ The occupied + the occupier cannot be equated.

This framework has prepared the ground for overall improvement of the human rights situation in the Darfur region.

OIC welcomes the initiative by the Sudanese Government to invite Geneva based Ambassadors and senior representative to visit the region and assess for themselves the situation on ground.

The adoption of the Council presented by the African Group yesterday, we hope will help address concerns relating to the situation in Darfur.

Mr. President,

During the past two weeks, we have had useful discussions in the two working groups on the Review of Mandates and the Universal Periodic Review. We thank the four Vice Chairmen of the Bureau for their role in guiding our discussions in these two important areas that form the basis of the institutional structure of the Human Rights Council. We look forward to further discussions during this session of the Council. We appreciate the fact, that as requested by the OIC, the work in the two groups has been progressing in tandem.

Thank You, Mr. President.