

**Introduction by Tehmina Janjua,
Deputy Permanent Representative of Pakistan
of draft resolution L-13, entitled "Human Rights situation in the
Occupied Palestinian Territory follow-up to
the Human Rights Council resolution S-1/1", December 7, 2006**

Mr. President,

I have the honour to introduce the draft resolution on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference entitled "Human Rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution S-1/1".

The OIC had introduced two draft resolutions on the violation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory- a procedural text and a more detailed resolution on illegal settlements during the second session of the Human Rights Council. On the President's request, it postponed consideration of the procedural text to the third session of the Human Rights Council.

The resolution (S-1/1) adopted by the First Special Session of the Human Rights Council had expressed deep concern at breaches of international humanitarian law and human rights law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory by Israel including the arbitrary arrest of Palestinian ministers, members of the Palestinian Legislative Council and other officials.

It urged Israel to immediately release the abducted Palestinian Ministers, members of the Palestinian Legislative Council and other officials, as well as all other arrested Palestinian civilians.

The Council decided to dispatch an urgent fact-finding mission, headed by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967.

It has been five months since resolution S-1/1 was adopted by the Council. Unfortunately, it stands unimplemented. And, the Council had to meet again in a Special Session to address the grave situation of human rights in Beit Hanoun. Violations of fundamental rights of the Palestinians continue unabated. The Palestinian Ministers, officials and civilians have not been set free. The Special Rapporteur has not been allowed to visit the region.

Mr. President,

The text before us today calls for the speedy implementation of resolution S-1/1, including dispatching of the urgent fact finding mission headed by the Special Rapporteur as had been requested by the resolution adopted by the special session. Mr. John Dugard is in the region but in his personal capacity.

The present text is only procedural in nature and asks for the implementation of a decision taken by the Council in July. The lack of implementation of HRC resolutions should be a matter of concern to the Council. Adoption of the draft resolution before us by consensus will give a clear signal that the Council is serious about the implementation of resolutions it adopts- whether by consensus or through a vote. I thank you Mr. President.