

## **Introduction to Resolution L-2**

On behalf of the member states of the OIC and of the Arab Group, I have the honour to introduce the draft resolution entitled "Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory; Follow-up to the Human Rights Council Resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1".

Resolution S-1/1 was adopted by the first Special Session of the Human Rights Council. It expressed deep concern at the breaches by the occupying power of International humanitarian Law and Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and decided to dispatch an urgent Fact Finding Mission head by the Special Rapporteur on the Situation on the Human Rights in Palestinian Territory Occupied since 1967 to report on the violations of human rights of the Palestinian people caused by extensive military operation..

The Third Special Session of the Human Rights Council adopted the resolution S-3/1 entitled "Human Rights Violations emanating from Israeli Military Incursion in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including the recent one in Northern Gaza and Assault on Beit Hanoun. The Council decided to dispatch urgently a High Level Fact Mission to travel to Beit Hanoun to inter alia (a) assess the situation of victims; (b) address the needs of survivors and (c) make recommendation on ways and means to protect Palestinian civilians against any further Israeli assault.

Last week Mr. John Dugard, the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Palestinian Territories Occupied since 1967, who was to head the Urgent Fact Finding Mission in implementation of Resolution S-1/1 and Professor Chinkin who was to accompany Archbishop Desmond Tutu as part of the High Level Fact Finding Mission reported to the Council of their inability to undertake their Missions because of Israeli's reluctance.

The Resolution before us today, requests the President of the Council and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to report on the implementations of these two decisions.

It is the common objective of all members of the Council to ensure implementation of decisions, whether adopted by vote or through consensus. We hope that the resolution will be adopted without a vote by the Council today.