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on

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Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. President,

I would like to associate myself with the statement made by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC, and Cuba on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Year 2008 marks the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly, and the United Nations is prepared to launch a whole year campaign to commemorate this significant event. We believe, the theme of the campaign, "Dignity and Justice for all of us" reflects the aspirations of the mankind, and today the international community is more than ever seeking to achieve those noble goals.

Mr. President,

The adoption of this important document in 1948, was a historical turning point in promotion and protection of human rights. The influence of UDHR, since then has been profound and extensive.

Nevertheless, it should be noted that, in 1948, the primary attention of the Declaration, was placed on civil and political rights, and as a result, economic, social and cultural rights did not receive their required attention. Hence, the Declaration appeared to have gaps such as the lack of explicit articles on the right to self-determination and the right to development. Years later, in 1993 the Vienna Conference could affirm the universality, indivisibility, inter-dependence and inter-relation of all human rights on the same footing and with the same emphasis. It was only there, and then, that the international community reaffirmed the right to development, as universal and inalienable right and an integral part of fundamental human rights. It was also in VDP that the international community recognized the importance of cultural diversity and the significance of national and regional particularities as well as various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds.

Mr. President,

While commemorating the 60th anniversary of UDHR, there is much to be regretted, that in spite of all means and instruments introduced by the world community, the innocent people of Palestine have been subjected to massive and systematic violation of human rights by the Zionist regime for more than the past six decades.

Finally Mr. President, we believe in the context of the one year campaign to commemorate the 60th anniversary of UDHR, taking concrete measures by the International community for realization of the right to self-determination and the right to development, eradication of poverty, underdevelopment, marginalization, and injustice, promotion of international cooperation, dialogue among cultures and civilizations, combating Islamophobia and defamation of religions as well as promotion and protection of all human rights in accordance with the principles of impartiality, non-selectivity, dialogue, cooperation and constructive approach, are of paramount importance.

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