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**Statement by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC**  
**General Debate**  
**Agenda Item 7**

**27th Session of the Human Rights Council**

**Mr. President,**

We are deeply disappointed that certain members from the WEOG group have shifted participation to a few words under item 4 while neglecting and undermining the agenda item 7. This silence is particularly conspicuous and disturbing, considering that Israel's most recent brutal military aggression on the occupied Gaza Strip resulted in the deaths of 2,142 Palestinians, including 501 children. Moreover, some of these States continue to justify these killings and aggression by the Occupying Power as "self-defence", an argument which is both legally incorrect and morally abhorrent. Double standards are putting the credibility of the UN human rights system at stake and embolden Israel to continue its violations, thus undermining the efforts for the realization of the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people. We urge all member states to participate actively in item 7.

We welcome the newly-established Commission of Inquiry as an important and necessary tool to ensure accountability for international crimes and for ending impunity. We also strongly support the reconvening of the meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention to consider the means for ensuring to the Palestinian civilian population the international protection and well-being that they are lacking.

We are deeply disappointed by Israel's non-cooperation with the Special Rapporteur Mr. Makarim Wibisono who has started his mission to the Occupied State of Palestine last week.

**Mr. President,**

The Occupied power Israel continues to violate international law blatantly and with impunity. These include the excessive use of force against Palestinian civilians, illegal settlement construction amounting to war crimes under the Rome Statute, mass campaigns of arbitrary detention, and siege of the Gaza Strip. Israel continues to build the illegal wall in the Occupied State of Palestine with total contempt for the ICJ's Advisory Opinion.

We condemn in the strongest terms the apartheid policies that Israel operates in the occupied territories in terms of racially segregated roads and a discriminatory permit regime, the imposition of a dual legal system in the Occupied State of Palestine, and the fragmentation of the territory and enclosure of Palestinians into Bantustan-like areas. Apartheid has been clearly prohibited under international law.

We deplore the involvement of Israeli and multinational corporations in illegal settlements, resulting in the risk of corporate complicity in war crimes. We call for full respect of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

The OIC condemns the continuous incitement by the occupying forces against the Palestinian people and their holy places particularly at Al-Haram Al-Sharif.

We deplore the terrorist actions being carried out persistently and with impunity by settler groups such as "Price Tag" and "Hilltop Youth" against Palestinian civilians.

**Mr. President,**

We are concerned over continued occupation of the Syrian Golan that has resulted in the violations of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Syrian population. The OIC condemns the Israeli measures in the Occupied Syrian Golan and demands an end to the illegal occupation of the Syrian land.

In conclusion, we urge the international community to urgently uphold its legal and moral obligations to compel Israel to cease and reverse its violations of International law in the Occupied State of Palestine, Syrian Golan and the Lebanese territories that are still under Israeli occupation.