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Introduction by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC Member States, on the Draft Resolution A/HRC/15/L.33 on the Follow-up resolution to the report of the Independent International Fact Finding Mission, on 29 September 2010

Mr. President,

On behalf of the OIC I have the honour to introduce orally a revised draft resolution A/HRC-15/L.33 entitled 'Follow-up resolution to the report of the Independent International Fact Finding Mission'.

The international community expressed its dismay and strong condemnation of the aggression launched by the Occupying Power, Israel, on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance to Gaza last May. The last session of the Council established an International Independent Fact Finding Mission, which investigated violations of human rights law and international humanitarian law resulting from the Israeli attacks.

The report presented by the Mission in the Council last Monday concluded that the actions of the IDF in blocking the flotilla were a violation of international law and that the Israeli military committed serious human rights violations against the civilian passengers of the flotilla.

In order to ensure that justice is done to the victims in this case, the OIC decided to table a follow-up resolution in the ongoing session of the Council.

The concise and focused draft was presented with a view to adopt it by consensus.. The resolution is mainly procedural in nature.

We held open ended consultations on this draft and based on some of the constructive proposals received by our partners, we made some changes in the text. However, proposals which were meant to obstruct the process without any follow-up mechanism were not taken on board. We thank all partners for their inputs and engagement.

Accordingly, the resolution in its preambular part refers to the provisions of the UN Charter; the relevant provisions of international humanitarian and human rights law, besides, emphasizing the importance of the safety and well-being of all civilians including humanitarian personnel.

The Operative part of this resolution welcomes the report of the International Independent Fact Finding Mission; deeply regrets the non-cooperation by the Occupying Power, Israel, with the IIFFM; endorses the conclusions contained in

the report of the IIFFM and calls upon all concerned parties to ensure their immediate implementation.

It also recommends that the General Assembly consider the report of the IIFFM and requests the High Commissioner for Human Rights to submit a report on the status of implementation of paragraph 3 of the resolution.

Lastly the resolution decides to follow-up the implementation of the present resolution at its 16th Session.

I will now present two oral revisions to this draft:

There is a revision in the title of the resolution. The new title is

“Follow-up to the report of the Independent International Fact Finding Mission on the incident of the humanitarian flotilla”

There is also a revision in PP3. The revised text is ...

“Taking into consideration the relevant provisions of international humanitarian and human rights law”.

We hope that this short and factual draft resolution represents the collective views and demands of the international community and would, therefore, be adopted by consensus by this august body.

I thank you Mr. President.