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Statement on behalf of the OIC Group

**High Commissioner,
Mr. Chairperson,
Distinguished Delegates.**

On behalf of the OIC Group, I warmly congratulate Mr. Filippo Grandi, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on successful completion of his ten-year tenure. We commend his remarkable service and leadership in navigating UNHCR through one of the most challenging decades.

The OIC Group also affirms readiness to work constructively with the next High Commissioner to advance our shared humanitarian cause for the benefit of all.

Chairperson

The OIC Member States host some of the world's largest refugee populations and have consistently carried a disproportionate share of humanitarian responsibilities. Among the top seven (07) countries in the world that host the most refugees, five (5) are members of the OIC.¹ From the Afghan refugees in Iran and Pakistan, to Syrian refugees respectively in Türkiye, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon, to the displaced communities seeking refuge in Bangladesh, Uganda, Chad and other African states, OIC countries have extended unmatched hospitality for decades despite immense social, economic, and security challenges. This generosity, which has often come at significant cost, is a testament to our humanitarian principles and our shared values of compassion and solidarity.

The OIC Group notes with deep concern that displacement is on the rise due to escalating conflicts and climate-induced catastrophes whereas resources are shrinking rapidly. This has negatively affected the mandate delivery and function of UNHCR, undermined the confidence

¹ Iran, Turkey, Columbia, Germany, Uganda, Pakistan, Chad (data taken from UNHCR 2024 Global Trends, presented by UNHCR during Standing Committee meeting in September 2025)

of humanitarian workers and disproportionately affected refugee hosting states. The absence of predictable, flexible and sustained support also erodes the resilience of both refugees and host communities.

In this context, we emphasize the urgent need for adequate and sustainable financing for UNHCR. Funding gaps not only weaken UNHCR's ability to fulfil its mandate but also increase the burden on refugee-hosting states, which are already stretched beyond capacity. We appreciate UNHCR's efforts to find durable solutions. These conversations must continue in an inclusive manner.

Chairperson

Durable solutions cannot be achieved by humanitarian assistance alone. Creating adaptable solutions and favourable conditions in countries of origin is indispensable to preventing new displacement and ensuring the sustainable return and reintegration of refugees in their own homeland. We therefore call upon the international community to invest in stabilization, reconstruction, and development efforts in countries of origin, in close partnership with UNHCR, so that returns become sustainable and future outflows can be prevented. Equally important is ensuring the safe, dignified, and voluntary return of refugees. While hosting states have provided protection for decades, the aspiration of most refugees is always to return to their homes.

We urge the international community to demonstrate solidarity and greater support for durable solutions including return, third country re-settlement program and making favorable conditions in the country of origin in line with the objectives of Global Compact on Refugees.

Chairperson

The OIC Group is deeply concerned about Sudan's dire humanitarian crisis, the largest displacement crisis globally, and stressing that sustaining the return of over 2 million people require urgent international support.

We also call in particular for sustained international focus on the plight of the Rohingya, where continued assistance is urgently required.

The OIC Member States reiterate that forced displacement of Palestinians is unacceptable and non-negotiable. We reject any attempt towards this direction and call upon the international community to uphold its responsibilities by ensuring the safe and dignified return of Palestinians to their homeland.

Thank you.