

Statement

By

The Indonesian delegation

on the Implementation of General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006  
entitled "Human Rights Council"

at the First Session of the Human Rights Council

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Mr President,

Indonesia would like to associate itself with the statements made by Pakistan, on behalf of the OIC, on issues which remain under the agenda. The first issue concerns the human rights and humanitarian situation in the Palestinian and Other Occupied Arab territories. In recent weeks and months, the already dire conditions under which the population was struggling have deteriorated to the point of reaching emergency proportions. Daily incidents continue to see the death of civilians, including children in the area. In addition, the siege against Palestinian cities is subjecting the civilian population to unbearable hardship, by endless problem in the form of innumerable restrictions affecting peoples' movements, their access to work, to food, to health facilities and to hospitals, as well as that of children to school. The building of the wall and the destruction of private homes, buildings, schools and amenities, all contribute to creating misery on an unprecedented scale and a humanitarian situation of emergency proportions. We believe that such violations of the Palestinian people's human rights warrant the Council's immediate attention at this historic First Session.

A second issue which the Council has been mandated to address as a priority is the promotion of tolerance and respect for religion and belief through the enhancement of international dialogue. Although we, in Indonesia, do not believe that the world is in danger of a clash of civilizations, international incidents of this kind do have the potential, as our Minister mentioned in his inaugural address before this body last week, to create "enduring misperceptions and misinterpretations that can aggravate disputes on how human rights are to be implemented." Thus, it is imperative that the Council promote dialogue among civilizations and religions, particularly in the application of human rights.

On Darfur, the conclusion of Abuja agreement is an encouraging development. We urge all relevant parties to ensure compliance, to push other involved parties to be on board and assist in the agreement's implementation.

On the issue of migration, Indonesia continues to stress the importance of continuous collaboration on the part of the various stakeholders which includes the governments,

intergovernmental and non governmental organizations. The issue requires firm and affirmative action on the part of all the stakeholders.

Future migration policies and strategies must not be unilateral as they require intra-country cooperation and dialogue. It is also vital that our new and elevated body which has a crucial role to play in the promotion and protection of human rights be able to build a bridge over the existing gap between perception and reality of the situation of international migrants. We hope that the coming High Level Dialogue on Migration will discuss comprehensive ideas and vision, including on ways and means to address its human rights dimension.

Before concluding, we would like to express our appreciation to the work of human rights defenders. Indonesia supports their invaluable work in their endeavor towards the promotion and protection of human rights. In this context, it is essential to underline that we in Indonesia always involve our national civil societies, including human rights defenders in our efforts to formulate as well as implement human rights-related program and policies. This constructive synergy can be demonstrated in the recent collaboration during the preparation of government's reports on human rights international instrument ratified by the government.

Thank you.