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Mr. President,

The implementation of the resolution 60/251 requires putting in place bold reforms in all areas outlined in its provisions. As we asserted earlier, the Human Rights Council should be given the courage and authority to develop new and , alternative conceptions, complementary standards and even embark upon reconceptualization in some areas, if need arises for the genuine promotion and protection of human rights.

For decades, freedom of expression was perceived as a license to encroach upon even religious beliefs and challenge cultural validities of peoples. However, the social developments over the past years particularly the Cartoon affair point to a crucial conceptual aspect that so called "human security" shall include spiritual security, if human rights were to be promoted and protected effectively. And that the right to freedom of expression, as is for others, should be realized in harmony with other intrinsic needs of the human being.

The combat against poverty and the realization of the right to development gives full ground to the implementation of Economic, Political, Civil, Social and Cultural rights in all societies. Plans to trigger profound changes, where necessary, at the national, international and global scale to institutionalize justice should be a priority objective in the Council.

The gross and systematic violation of human rights of Palestinian people by the Israeli regime in occupied territories is a cause for grave and deep concern for the International Community in general and for the Islamic world in particular. Other situations such as migrants and indigenous peoples particularly in Canada is also cause for grave concern. These grave situations should be tackled effectively by the Human Rights Council.

Thank You