NATIONAL STATEMENT
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AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE OIC MEMBER STATES
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JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA

His Excellency Hakan Fidan
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkiye

His Excellency Ismail (*Walad*) Cheikh Ahmed
Secretary-General of the OIC

Your Highnesses, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Sisters and Brothers,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

1. I would like to express my appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the generous hospitality accorded to me and my delegation.

Agenda 1: Election of the Secretary-General

2. Firstly, I join others in expressing Malaysia's support to H.E. Ismail (*Walad*) Cheikh Ahmed for the post of Secretary-General of the OIC for the term 2026-2031.

3. We are confident that under his leadership, the OIC will strengthen its unity, solidarity, and voice. Malaysia reaffirms its steadfast support for the Secretary-General and the General Secretariat in defending Palestinian rights, protecting Al-Quds Ash-Sharif, and serving the Ummah.

4. Furthermore, Malaysia expresses its sincere appreciation to His Excellency Hissein Ibrahim Taha, the outgoing Secretary-General, for his dedicated service and leadership.

Agenda 2: Palestine and Al-Quds Ash-Sharif

Mr. Chair,

5. We convene today to confront a profound moral crisis that tests the credibility of the international order.

6. Gaza lies devastated, with families shattered and over 70,000 innocent lives tragically lost.

7. For nearly three years now, the international community has called for the protection of civilians, humanitarian access and a permanent ceasefire.

8. Yet Israel has relentlessly continued to bomb homes, hospitals, and schools while blocking humanitarian aid and subjecting the people of Gaza to deliberate starvation and immense, unthinkable suffering. This modern-day colonisation must be stopped.

Illegal Settlements in the West Bank

9. In the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, Israel's relentless expansion of illegal settlements, including the aggressive so-called E1 plan, is designed to permanently dismantle the viability of a Palestinian State.

10. Malaysia strongly condemns the Israeli regime's USD 2.3 billion illegal settlement scheme and urges all OIC member states to decisively uphold the ICJ Advisory Opinion of 19 July 2024 by rejecting and withholding support for this illegal occupation.

Al-Quds Ash-Sharif

11. Jerusalem remains an inseparable core of the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Malaysia strongly condemns the heinous incursion into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on 23 July 2026 by Israeli Minister, settlers and extreme far-right figures. Such outrageous provocations should never be tolerated.

12. In light of these alarming actions, Malaysia calls on all Member States to commit to safeguarding the sanctity of Al-Quds Ash-Sharif and to fully support the historical Hashemite Custodianship over the Islamic and Christian Holy Sites in Jerusalem.

Mr. Chair,

13. The illegal seizure of UNRWA’s Kalandia Training Centre and the adoption of mandatory death penalty legislation targeting Palestinians are grave violations of international humanitarian law. We call on the UN Security Council to enforce international law and protect UNRWA’s mandate.

14. Against such blatant defiance, it is our collective duty to shield member nations from Israeli atrocities and resolutely confront their persistent violations of global legal norms. OIC must remain steadfast in championing a rules-based order, ensuring that Israel is held fully responsible for its actions.

15. Malaysia therefore calls for the following:

(i) Firstly, the OIC should continuously call on the international community to stop Israel's belligerence through an immediate and permanent ceasefire, as well as providing unhindered humanitarian access;

(ii) Secondly, Israel must stop settler violence in the West Bank, the illegal evictions of Palestinians in Jerusalem and any action that may alter the identity of Jerusalem, including the holy sites;

(iii) Thirdly, we need to build the foundations for an independent and viable Palestinian statehood. In this regard, Malaysia calls on OIC member states to provide greater support for the protection, reconstruction, and strengthening of Palestinian institutions; and

(iv) Finally, we need to ensure the two-state solution remains the only internationally recognised and viable pathway for sustainable peace. Our objectives remain consistent. We need to end the occupation, enable Palestine to govern itself and make Palestinian statehood a reality.

16. Let there be no ambiguity: Malaysia stands resolutely and unequivocally behind the establishment of a fully independent, sovereign, viable, and contiguous State of Palestine, based on the borders of 4 June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital. This is not merely a diplomatic preference; it is a fundamental imperative.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.