

OIC statement at the 77th World Health Assembly:

All for Health, Health for All

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Excellencies,
Mr. President,

As we gather annually to discuss our national and collective efforts for improving the health of our populations at this esteemed Assembly, we find ourselves increasingly distant from realizing the Sustainable Development Goals' promise of *leaving no one behind*. This year's theme "All for Health, Health for All" reflects this critical aim, yet our progress is hindered by current crises.

Member states' tremendous efforts to reach a pandemic agreement and amend the International Health Regulations to create a more equitable world and ensure health for all, are commendable. However, these efforts are overshadowed by the ongoing brutality.

The 15th Islamic Summit held early this month in Banjul, The Gambia also focused on *Enhancing Unity and Solidarity through Dialogue for Sustainable Development*, but the issue of Palestine and **Al-Quds Al-Sharif** was central to the discussions.

The OIC condemns in the strongest terms the **genocide being committed by the Israeli occupation forces** against the Palestinian people in the besieged Gaza Strip and the entire occupied Palestinian territory, including Al-Quds. This includes killing, bombing, massive destruction of civilian infrastructure and land, deliberate attacks on health care and the UN facilities and staff, starvation, deprivation of water, and preventing entry of fuel, which led to a **genuine disaster for all health and humanitarian sectors**. We affirm our categorical rejection to any attempt at forcibly displacing, expelling or transferring the Palestinian people from their land and call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

Thank you.