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**STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AT 75th Session of the UNHCR Executive Committee
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**Madam Chair
Mr. High Commissioner
Excellencies**

1. The Four Geneva Conventions are **universally ratified**... and form the **cornerstone of International Humanitarian Law (IHL)**.
2. They **protect civilians** ... and mandates **respect for the inviolability** of medical and humanitarian personnel, facilities, and missions.
3. They also **extend protection to UN peacekeepers**.
4. Yet, since October 7 last year, in Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon, we have witnessed **flagrant violations of IHL by a single country**.

Madam Chair/ Mr. High Commissioner

4. Indonesia unequivocally condemns **Israel's indiscriminate attacks** in Gaza, the West Bank, and now Lebanon.
5. These actions have resulted in the tragic deaths of medical and humanitarian workers, **including two of UNHCR staff and over 220 UNRWA staff**.
6. We also condemn the attack in southern Lebanon that injured 15 UNIFIL personnel, **including two Indonesian soldiers**.
7. These violations are **unacceptable and breach international humanitarian law**, including the Geneva Conventions.
8. Global tensions, **particularly in the Middle East**, must be de-escalated.
9. We therefore call on all parties to respect IHL and **immediately end the violence**.

Madam Chair

11. By mid-2024, 122.6 million people have been displaced globally... including over **6 million Palestinian refugees**...
12. This crisis... driven by conflict and worsened by climate change... **demands strengthened international cooperation.**
13. **We commend** the High Commissioner Office's relentless efforts to protect the displaced persons, but a stronger collaboration is urgently needed.
14. Indonesia has **consistently contributed to alleviating global humanitarian crises.**
15. We have **upheld the principle of non-refoulement**, rescuing refugees stranded at our borders, especially Rohingya refugees arriving in Aceh.
16. In collaboration with UNHCR and IOM, we **continue providing essential support to thousands of refugees and asylum seekers in transit.**
17. It is also important to highlight the instrumental role of host communities... particularly the people in our Aceh Province... in welcoming and supporting these refugees.
18. However, we face a concerning situation, as reports indicate another boat of Rohingya refugees may arrive by the end of this year, similar to last year.
19. This **repeated influx** raises concerns about an emerging pattern.
20. Indonesia remains committed to **intensifying efforts** to combat human trafficking and people smuggling, particularly targeting refugees.
21. **We will also take firm actions** against those involved in these transnational crimes.
22. Regionally, as co-chairs of the Bali Process, Indonesia and Australia are **strengthening collective efforts to address these issues.**
23. **The plight of long-term refugees**... particularly the Afghan population who make up half of Indonesia's refugee community...is also another concern.
24. **In 2023, only 13% of UNHCR's operations in Indonesia were funded.** The lack of funding has limited support for refugees who continue to endure harsh living conditions.

25. With a projected 27% increase in UNHCR's 2025 budget for Indonesia, we hope this **will bring tangible improvements for long-term refugees.**
26. We call on the High Commissioner's office and the international community to prioritize solutions for these refugees, **who have waited far too long for resettlement.**
27. As the High Commissioner has stated... with displacement rising... **humanitarian funding must become predictable, and long-term commitments must replace the current system.**
28. **Indonesia reaffirms its commitment to burden-sharing,** contributing to UNHCR in un-earmarked funds.
29. In 2023-2024, **we have also increased and diversified our humanitarian contribution through different channels...** bilaterally with states concerned... and through various international organizations.

Madam Chair

24. In conclusion, Indonesia remains steadfast **in addressing the root causes of displacement and supporting refugees.**
25. As a member of the Group of Friends for the #IBelong Campaign... **we welcome the launch of the Global Alliance to End Statelessness...** and look forward for a continued cooperation with states and UNHCR.

Thank you.

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