

Statement by

The Islamic Republic of Iran

On behalf of the NAM

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Mr President,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the NAM.

The illegal and unlawful Israeli annexation, systematic expansion of settlements and demographic manipulations in East Jerusalem and the prolonged occupation of Palestine alongside its negative impact have created fundamental threats to the Palestinian right of self-determination. Continuation of this trend by Israel which, the NAM strongly condemns is the main obstacle to the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its eternal capital.

The Movement also, takes note with appreciation the report of the Secretary General presented to this Session and deeply shares the concerns of the Secretary-General on the recurrence of violations already highlighted in his previous reports and those of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights perpetrated by Israel in OPT.

The NAM, also, condemns the persistent non-cooperation of Israel and its blatant disregard of International obligations. As a case in point, continuation of illegal settlement policy is remarkable and these illegal measures must be to cease immediately.

The NAM is deeply concerned, over numerous UN official reports particularly, the recent report of Secretary General which have reaffirmed the continued human rights violations of the Palestinian people by Israeli force, throughout the occupied state of Palestine.

The NAM, once again calls on Israel to comply immediately with the ICJ advisory Opinion on the construction of the wall in the Occupied State of Palestine and firmly urges the international community to compel Israel to respect its legal and moral responsibilities with respect to the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people.

The NAM extends its full support to the Government of the state of Palestine in their ongoing efforts to put an end to the occupation of the land of the State of Palestine and realize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people as well as the ongoing plans for building the state of Palestine and its institutions.

The NAM strongly believes that Israel, the occupying power, has to be held accountable for its continued grave and systematic violations of both international human rights law and international humanitarian law in all Occupied Arab Territories including Syrian Golan. The NAM condemns Israeli measures in the Occupied Syrian Golan and emphasizes on the need to put an end the illegal occupation of the Syrian Golan and to the violations of international human rights and humanitarian law as such.

The NAM is also concerned over the harsh economic, social and health conditions in the Gaza Strip and the gravity of the situation which has been dramatized recently as a result of food shortfall.

Mr. President,

The NAM is profoundly concerned about, Israel's illegal practices and ill-treatment against the Palestinian detainees particularly women and children in the Israeli detention system. The Movement reiterates that this illegal measure is in flagrant violation of international human rights and humanitarian law. The NAM emphasizes that Israel, the occupying power, should immediately release all Palestinian prisoners, particularly children, women and members of the Palestinian parliament. The NAM calls upon the occupying power to cease serious violations of international law and

fully lift the blockade of Gaza to remedy the ongoing punitive measures against the civilian population and realize Palestinian children in detention in accordance with international standards, in particular the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, as it has been reiterated in the final document of the 16th NAM Summit held in August 2012 in Tehran, the Movement recalls its ideals and long-standing firm commitment in supporting the realization of the aspirations of the Palestinian people.

Thank you

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