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Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran
General Debate on Agenda items 1&7:
HC report on Flotilla &
The Human Rights Situation in Palestine and other Occupied Arab Territories
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Mr. President

Islamic Republic of Iran has taken note of the Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the status of implementation of the conclusions contained in the report of the independent international fact-finding mission on the incident of the humanitarian flotilla.

We strongly condemn Zionist's regime unrelenting refusal to cooperate with the all relevant Human Rights Council's mechanisms, preventing them from fulfilling their mandates. We maintain that this important matter requires an urgent and intensive effort by the Council and UN Secretary-General to guarantee such cooperation.

Mr. President

After more than six decades, the international community still witnesses the continuation of long-lasting gross and systematic violations of fundamental human rights of the innocent Palestinian people as well as vivid examples of serious breach of the international human rights law and international humanitarian law in the Palestine and other occupied Arab territories including Syrian Golan which have led to immense suffering by the civilian population of the occupied Palestinian territories. The international community and the Council cannot and should not remain silent on this massacre.

Mr. President

We also strongly condemn the deteriorating settlement colonization campaign in the West Bank, incessant blockade of the Gaza Strip, detention and imprisonment of thousands of Palestinians including political prisoners, and all other measures of



collective punishment which are serious violation of fourth Geneva Convention. We also express our grave concern about the continuation of arresting, detaining and prosecuting a large number of innocent women and children in harsh conditions by the military courts which are appalling measures in contravention of article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

Mr. President

The bloodshed committed on June 5, with the use of live ammunition by occupier's security forces against innocent civilians protesting along the ceasefire line between the occupied Golan Heights and Syria, resulting to the killing of near 40 and injuries of hundreds of protestors, is another apparent proof of crime against humanity .We are of the view that the Council must urgently consider the establishment of an international investigation into the events where, as High Commissioner pointed out, "there is evidences that crimes are committed, prosecution and| appropriate punishment must follow".

In conclusion, Mr. President, we deeply disturbed by the failure by the Council to ensure respect of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Laws which through its different mechanisms have been totally overlooked . We maintain that international community, in particular, the Human Rights Council, has an obligation to take effective action , through concrete steps, to stop the harsh policies and practices against the Palestinian people

