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Thank you Mr. President.

Bangladesh delegation aligns itself with the statement made by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC and Iran on behalf of the NAM member countries.

Mr. President,

My delegation joins others in expressing concern that some Council decisions have not been implemented. We regret that Israel is continuing its non-cooperation with the Special Rapporteur mandate holders and does not allow them to visit occupied Palestinian territories to accomplish their job as mandated by the Council. This is an obvious attempt to prevent the mandate holders to witness how the people of Palestine are being brutalized by the Israeli aggression; how they are being deprived from very basic human rights on a daily basis.

We are deeply concerned that the Special Rapporteur Makarim Wibisono had to resign due to Israel's non-cooperation with him and refusal to grant him access to Palestine. By refusing, Israel not only undermines the entire Council but also humiliates humanity.

We are very disturbed at this situation resulting in the resignation of the Special Rapporteur. We strongly urge the President of the Council to take immediate action for appointment of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 during the current session. We hope such steps would be in compliance with the IB package that requires that such appointments are made on the basis of the shortlist compiled and sent by the Consultative Group. Any deviation would mean moral bankruptcy for the Council and unforgivable failure to comply with the mandate it is entrusted by the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr. President.

In addition to the above, we would also like to draw the Council's attention to the breach of international rules with regard to selling of goods produced in Palestine. We emphasize that products originated or produced in Palestine should carry the label as originated in Palestine as per existing rules of origin when sold outside the country.

Thank you.