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## UNHRC 31

### Item 7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

M. President,

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of September last year, the Palestinian flag was raised for the first time in the rose garden of the United Nations, reflecting member states' overwhelming support for Palestine. Since that date, however, more than 180 Palestinian men, women and children, have been wilfully killed by Israeli security forces. **Every single day since the Palestinian flag was raised, at least one Palestinian has unjustly died at the hands of Israeli forces.**

Since the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, Israeli military and police forces have brutally responded to dozens of peaceful Palestinian protests throughout the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

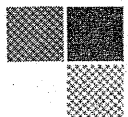
GNRD urges this Council and its member states to firmly condemn the widespread use of excessive force by Israeli forces against Palestinian demonstrators in the occupied West Bank, and to denounce their failure to protect Palestinians from the brutal attacks by Israeli settlers. We urge this Council to put an end to unlawful killings of Palestinians by Israeli forces, punitive home demolitions, and other practices that amount to collective punishment of Palestinians. Impunity can no longer be tolerated, and Israeli troops, police and civilians responsible for attacks on Palestinian civilians in the OPT must be held accountable for their actions.

M. President,

As their flag flies in the Rose Garden, Palestinians are still being killed day after day by Israeli forces. They are still denied fundamental rights, deprived of housing, food, water, freedom of movement, and increasingly the right to practice their religion. We urge the Council to defend the rights of the Palestinian people in both word and action, to finally bring an end to Israel's atrocities.

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