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Palestine comment prior to the vote on a follow-up draft resolution by Dr. Mohammad Abu-Koash, Ambassador of Palestine to the UN in Geneva, before the Human Rights Council on Tuesday 27 March 2007

Africa and Latin America had both been spared the havoc and disastrous consequences of the creation of Israel when the Zionists meeting in Basle in 1897 decided to drop the proposals for colonising Uganda or Argentina and opted for Palestine as a future location of their state. Out of mere myth together with the collaboration of colonial powers the Palestinian people had to pay the price for western wars and violations. The very creation of Israel came about through crimes and atrocities against the native Palestinian people including ethnic cleansing as affirmed by the Israeli historian Ilan Pappé. The Zionists turned the Holy Land into the land of turmoil and apartheid. No wonder that they forged a close alliance with the infamous apartheid regime of South Africa. Israel was established in 1948 as 78 per cent of our homeland, Palestine, and today it leads in service to the creation

of a Palestinian state and the right of the Palestinian People to self-determination while its actions on the ground testify to the continued expansion and colonisation of the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967 including East Jerusalem which it annexed.

One of the predominant economic theories is based on self-interest, profit maximization and competition that drive the weak out of the market regardless of social consequences. Hardly