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on Item 7, Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab  
territories, 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council*

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Mr. President,  
Distinguished Members of the Human Rights Council,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to thank you for this opportunity to address the Human Rights Council. I would like to report to the Council on the steps that the High Commissioner and her Office have taken since the last session of the Council to help implement the Resolutions S-1/1, S-3/1, as requested by the Council in its resolution OM/1/2.

With regard to *Resolution S-1/1*, I would like to refer to the report of the Special Rapporteur, John Dugard, to the Human Rights Council of 20 December 2006. In this report the Special Rapporteur outlines the reasons for which the resolution could not be

implemented. I would also like to refer to his statement to the Council at its fourth session on 22 March 2007.

With regard to Resolution S-3/1, the High Commissioner immediately re-activated the Secretariat supporting the High Level Fact-finding Mission established under resolution S-3/1 following the adoption of Resolution OM/1/2 in June 2007. OHCHR then moved to ensure that the Fact-Finding Mission would have all necessary financial and logistical support required to fulfill its mandate, including travel to Beit Hanoun. .

As just noted by the President, on 31 August 2007, Archbishop Tutu wrote to the President of the Council informing him that – I quote- “owing to prior commitments, it has been impossible for both myself and Professor Chinkin to find the time required to travel to Beit Hanoun before the next session of the Council.”- end of quote.

For this reason, Resolution S-3/1 has not been fully implemented, although the Council has before it a report of the Mission submitted to it at its fifth session.

Mr. President,

The High Commissioner and her Office remain committed to supporting the implementation of the Council’s resolutions, including Resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1.  
Thank you.