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Statement by the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on
agenda item 33: Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices
Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the
Occupied Territories at the Fourth Committee
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Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea takes note with appreciation the Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

The Middle East issue originated by the Israeli occupation of Arab territories still remains unresolved, even after several decades, inflicting immeasurable sufferings upon the Palestinian people and other Arab people.

In particular, the Palestinian people are deprived of their inalienable and fundamental human rights, including the right to the independent State of Palestine and the right of Palestinian refugees to return home as well as the right to work, to education and to medical treatment.

The extension of Israeli settlements, the construction of separation wall and the setting up of the check-points by Israel in the occupied territory cause further destruction of the Palestinian territory and deny the Palestinian people even their right to free movement.

Furthermore Israel has gone so far as to close all the crossing points to the Gaza Strip, block the economic activities and restrict even the humanitarian

activities of the UN agencies in this area, thus gravely jeopardizing the right of existence of the people of the Gaza Strip. These are daily happenings in all the occupied Arab territories.

Neither human rights nor peace and security of Middle East are conceivable without putting an end to Israeli illegal acts and resolving of the Middle East issue.

Though a series of measures have been taken at the international level so far for the purpose of a fair and peaceful solution to the Middle East issue including Palestinian issue. They are yet to be translated into action and Israel has become ever more undisguised imposing challenges.

This is because of the attempts of certain forces backing Israel politically, militarily and logistically, and particularly using the Middle East issue for their dishonest political purposes.

Mr. Chairman,

The Middle East issue including the Palestinian issue should be resolved fairly at the earliest possible date in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the UN and the international law.

Israel should immediately withdraw from all the occupied Arab territories and take full responsibility for the damages caused by its occupation of Arab territories and its violations of human rights.

And the International Community should certainly call in question the acts of those countries that connive at and even back the Israeli territorial occupation and human right violations for political purposes.

My delegation would like to take this opportunity to renew its firm solidarity with Palestinian people in their just struggle to achieve the national unity and regain the legitimate national rights including the right to the independent State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital, and reiterate its firm solidarity with Arab people in their struggle for a fair solution to the Middle East issue.

Thank you.