



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Agenda Item 7: ID with the Special Rapporteur
on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories
occupied since 1967**

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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia aligns itself fully with the statements delivered by Pakistan and Iran on behalf of the OIC and NAM respectively. We thank the Special Rapporteur for his detailed and comprehensive report. We endorse the report and the conclusion and recommendations contained therein.

2. We express our deep regret that Israel, as the Occupying Power, has blatantly refused to cooperate with this Council's mandate by denying the Special Rapporteur entry into Occupied Palestine. We also regret the defamatory smear campaign carried out against the character of the Special Rapporteur designed to cast doubts on his credibility.

3. The continued occupation of Palestine by Israel, for 46 years now, is causing untold miseries to the Palestinian people. The international community should not be contented by only empathising with the suffering of the Palestinian people having to live, survive and endure atrocities under Israeli occupation on a daily basis for so long. We have the legal and moral responsibility to end the human rights and international humanitarian law violations by Israel against the Palestinian people.

4. It is indeed ironic and shameful that the very same delegations here that would condemn without the slightest hesitation on alleged and yet to be proven human rights violations of certain individuals would choose to remain silent on the proven and continued human rights violations against an entire people and nation.

The support by some states of Israel's atrocities during its "Pillar of Defence" operations is proof of that.

5. The human rights situation of the Palestinian people continues to worsen day by day. Palestinians are deprived of their freedom and right to self-determination. It is indeed deeply disturbing and disheartening to read the findings about the situation on the ground and the human rights violations of the Palestinians in the form of collective punishment under Israel's extremely repressive and inhumane policies and practices. These policies and practices by Israel are undeniably the cause of too many deaths and too much suffering of the Palestinian people.

6. Malaysia condemns Israel's continued consistent and systematic expansion of illegal settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Israel's deliberate and flagrant violation of the 1949 Fourth Geneva Convention for over four decades has tremendously negatively impacted Palestine's demography and its future for self-determination. The 4.5% increase of Israel's registered population in the West Bank, especially after Palestine was granted non-member observer state status in November 2012, is proof of Israel's deliberate expansionist policy. Malaysia calls upon Israel to stop the unlawful expansion activities and to take all necessary measures to comply with its obligations under international law in the occupied State of Palestine. We deeply regret that the Security Council has not been able to look into this issue despite its capacity to do so under the UN Charter.

7. We are further drawn to the Special Rapporteur's report on businesses that profit from the illegal Israeli settlements. We support the call for the Working Group on Business and Human Rights to investigate the activities of those businesses and urge them to take appropriate action in this regard. We further support the call for the appropriate reparations for the affected Palestinians.

8. In conclusion, Malaysia fully supports and endorses all the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur. We urge the international community to protect the rights of the Palestinian people and to heed the call for a peaceful solution in the

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efforts to find a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

I thank you, Mr President.

GENEVA
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