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Mr. President,

Bahrain adds its voice to the statements delivered by the Political and Regional groups it is affiliated with.

My country thanks the Independent Commission of Inquiry on the Gaza Conflict for their report and expresses its full support and endorsement for the commission's mandate and reports, despite the fact that the current report did not accurately reflect the magnitude of the violations committed by Israel, the occupying power. We condemn Israel for employing an institutional policy of truculence towards cooperating with relevant United Nations mechanisms, which was exemplified in their refusal to grant commission access to Gaza.

Mr. President,

Arguments and statements condemning the deplorable actions of Israel are beyond count, yet they are yet to yield any plausible effect on the Israeli government. This report, like many before it, highlighted the height of atrocities put upon the Palestinian people, but to what end, we condemn and deplore and discuss and report, only for the atrocities in the occupied Palestinian territories to continue and the feverish colonization reach new heights.

Mr. President,

The report made distinct reference to destruction of civilian objects in Gaza due to the indiscriminate bombing by Israel, however, it did not make reference to the fact that the Israeli economy, through, Israeli companies such as Nesher, which has a monopoly over cement and which supplies cement to the apartheid wall, checkpoints and settlements is making massive profits from its appalling acts that amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Mr. President,

The United Nations, its mechanisms including this august body, and states alike have repeatedly failed to end Israel's impunity and hold it accountable to international humanitarian law and international human rights law. Israel's deplorable acts, which amount to apartheid,



should be met with the same action and pressure exhumed in relation to the apartheid acts of South Africa. Let us not stand idly by, while the Palestinian people remain terrorized under occupation unable fully realize their human rights.

Thank you Mr. President.

