

Thank you, Mr. President.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Francis Deng, ^{to the Council.} the Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide. Israel appreciates his work and the mandate under which he operates.

Mr. President,

“Incitement to commit Genocide” is a crime under Article 3 of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

In recent weeks, the leaders of the Iranian Regime have been quoted extensively, repeating their calls for the destruction of Israel, a member state of the United Nations. The FARS News Agency quoted the leader of the Iran’s Revolutionary Guard on 19 February 2008 as stating “*In the near future we will see the destruction of cancerous tumor Israel by the powerful and competent hand of Hezbollah fighters.*” On 16 February 2008, the same source quoted the Commander of the General Staff of Iran’s armed forces as call urging the “*combatants of Lebanese and Palestinian Islamic Resistance to continue their struggle until the complete destruction of the Zionist Regime.*”

the president of Iran Ahmadinejad is quoted said

Mr. President,

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This is not the first time that members of the Iranian establishment have publicly threatened the State of Israel with Political Genocide. Moreover, these remarks, as reported by official news agencies in Iran, represent anti-Israel rhetoric and racism of the worst kind. It is wholly inexplicable and unjustifiable that the leadership of a Member State of the United Nations would liken another Member State to a "cancerous growth" and predict its annihilation.

Mr. President,

We have learned from the past that prejudice leads to intolerance, which leads to victimization, which leads to persecution. My question to the Special Adviser is how his office in particular and the United Nations as a whole can more effectively combat such incitements. Can his office be used to coordinate the international community's response to such outrages? And does the Special Adviser intend to specifically address such inflammatory statements during his tenure?

Thank you.

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From: information-Karen Dwek
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 10:00 AM
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Subject: Statements by Iranian Leaders

In view of the Iranian Foreign Minister's Press Conference later today, we call you to give a thought to the following statements by Iranian Leaders.

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During
during President Ahmadinejad:

in a visit to the city of Bander Abbas, ~~he~~ said.

“World powers have created a black and dirty microbe named the Zionist regime and have unleashed it like a savage animal on the nations of the region”

(AFP-Teheran 20.02.2008)

Commander of the revolutionary guards, Mohammad Ali Jafari:

“In the near future we will see the destruction of cancerous tumor Israel by the powerful and competent hand of Hezbollah fighters”

(Fars News Agency 19.02.2008)

General Staff of Iran's armed forces Major General Hassan Firoozabadi:

“At the hearts of several billion oppressed and right-supporting people worldwide will soon be filled with overwhelming joy and happiness when they hear the news of the final victory of the front to Islam and destruction of devilish front of Zionism”

(Fars News Agency, 16.02.2008)

Foreign Minister Mottaki:

“The Zionist regime, a forged Regime, did not managed to legitimize itself and there is no room for it to meddle in the Middle East's affairs”

(IRNA, 18.02.2008)

Declaration by the Presidency of the EU on recent anti-Israeli statements:

“The EU condemns in the strongest terms the statements made by the Iranian President Ahmadinejad, the Speaker of the Iranian Majlis Haddad Adel, the Iranian Foreign Minister Mottaki and the Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Jafari. Their comments