

**Right of Reply by the
Islamic Republic of Iran
Geneva, 18 March 2008**

Mr. President,

In exercising right of reply with regard to the references made by the representative of the Israeli regime to my country this morning, I would like to state the following:

Unfortunately, the representative of a regime which is responsible for more than ~~Six~~ decades of uninterrupted suppression and systematic violation of all human rights of Palestinians, once again tried to divert the attention of this august body from the ongoing atrocities in the occupied Palestinian territories through launching a series of baseless and distorted accusations against others, while totally ignoring the very obvious and bitter facts and realities on the ground.

Without any doubt, occupation, aggression and daily attacks against innocent civilians including women and children in occupied Palestine~~in~~ and depriving people from exercising their right to self-determination as well as enjoying their economic, social and cultural rights on their own homeland constitute severe breaches of all international human and humanitarian laws and demonstrate vivid examples of genocide and holocaust of the oppressed people of Palestine by the Israeli regime at present.

I thank you Mr. President

Most recently one of the high ranking officials of the said regime officially announced that Israel will launch a holocaust against Palestinian. In our view that assertion is horrific and requires the appropriate attention of the Human Rights Council.