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Mr. President

Africa has always been supportive of the restoration of the entire Arab occupied territories. The illegality of the acquisition of lands through the use of force is an imperative rule of the international law. All Israeli measures taken in the Arab occupied territories are and will remain illegal and constitute a clear violation of the international law.

The African Group would like to renew its grave concern at the continuation of the Israeli grave violations of the human rights of the Occupied Gaza Strip. Despite of world wide condemnation, Israel continues its policies of siege and the targeted killing of Palestinians. Israel's responsibility for the humanitarian and human rights situation in Gaza can not be derogated by a one-sided announcement by Israel. Such responsibility is well established under the international law, as clearly stated by the literature of the International Court of Justice and all UN Treaty Bodies.

The plight and daily suffering of millions of Palestinians can not continue. It is the responsibility of the international community to take effective measures to ensure Israel's adherence to its international obligations in the Palestinian Occupied Territories, in particular the right of the Palestinian People to self determination and the establishment of the independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

The African Group would like to, once more, reaffirm its solidarity with the citizens of occupied Syrian Golan. The Israeli annexation of the Golan, as well as the imposition of the Israeli citizenship on its Syrian citizens remain illegal acts

that attempt to change historic and geographic realities. The African Group calls upon Israel, the occupying power, to fully respect the human rights of the Syrian citizens of the Golan, according to the Fourth Geneva Convention.

Thank you.