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Written statement* submitted by the International Organization for the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (EAFORD), a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Israeli Illegal Trafficking in Organs of Dead and Kidnapped Palestinian Victims

As if it is not enough for Israel:

(1) to create a state of immigrants on eighty percent of historic Palestine against the will of its indigenous people, the Palestinians, and expel, through ethnic cleansing and massacres, which are fully documented, most of the Palestinians from their homeland that became Israel, to be followed by the destruction of their homes and villages and the erasure of their history in their country and all indications that they had ever been present there;

(2) to occupy the rest of Palestine, what is now known as 'Occupied Palestinian Territories', to again create another wave of Palestinian refugees, to confiscate more land to establish illegal Israeli settlements, to oppress humiliate, and control their lives, their movements, their very means of existence, to force them into total submission;

(3) to create the largest open-air prison in the world, through the construction of a wall that completely excludes the Occupied Palestinian Territories from the rest of the world. Its consequences amount to an act of siege and economic genocide; a wall that the International Court of Justice has ruled to be illegal and should be demolished;

(4) to let loose hordes of marauding gangs of Israeli illegal settlers so as to launch pogroms against Palestinians, to burn their crops when ready for harvest, to uproot olive trees, tens and hundreds of years old, create more illegal settlements on any Palestinian land these gangs may decide upon, all under the protection of the Israeli Defence Force.

Now:

It is the turn of the dead, kidnapped and killed Palestinians. Their human organs, as reported in the press, can be a source of immense wealth through illegal trafficking in the world market. Israeli physicians, Medical Centres, rabbis and the Israeli army may be involved, according to reports published in the Swedish press and criminal investigations in the United States. After Israeli physicians remove organs they think marketable, the soldiers bury the bodies in graves that carry only numbers and no names, or place them in sealed caskets and deliver them under curfew conditions to the families and supervise the digging of the graves and burial.

We call upon physicians, medical centres and associations everywhere to condemn and boycott Israeli physicians and medical centres;

We call upon civil societies, human rights organizations and individuals, Christian, Jewish, Moslem and all other faiths, to condemn this practice and demand its immediate cessation;

We call upon the Secretary General of the United Nations to report the matter to the Security Council and demand that it be referred to the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court of Justice for action;

We call upon the Human Rights Council to extend the remit of its Special Fact Finding Commission to conduct urgent investigation of this, the latest of Israel's violations of the human rights of the Palestinian people and the violation of the international humanitarian law and international law;

We call upon States Party to the Geneva Conventions and the Security Council to impose sanctions on Israel for its persistent violation of its obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention;

Non-action on previous violations has encouraged Israel to commit more and more violations in the comfort of a sense of immunity from prosecution or the imposition of sanctions no matter the level of depravity its violations may reach. Israel must emphatically be made to understand, through action, and not just words, that it is not above the law or standards of civilized human behavior.

We look for your support of this appeal and the support of every physician in fulfillment of his/her oath to preserve life and the ethics of the medical profession.

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