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Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the
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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation thanks the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, Ambassador Palitha Kohana for his statement introducing the 'Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories'. My delegation would also like to thank the Ambassador of Malaysia and the Minister Counselor of Senegal for their efforts despite refusal by Israel to allow the Committee to visit the occupied Palestinian Territories. The report depicted the violation of inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs by Israel as well as Israel's disregard for international law in the occupied Palestinian territories.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Arab Republic of Egypt on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement. I would however like to mention some issues of our concern.

Mr. Chairman,

For more than four decades, the Palestinian people have known nothing but occupation, humiliation, incursions, demolitions, collective punishments, indiscriminate arrests and killings. Their fundamental rights to self determination and to a sovereign State have

remained unrealized. Millions are living in refugee camps in poverty and in a state of despair. We are gravely concerned by the serious violations of international human rights and humanitarian law committed by Israel. My delegation endorses the findings and recommendations of the Report. Israel deployed excessive force in defiance of international law. As the report states, Israel continues to impose sweeping restrictions on Palestinian movement in the occupied Palestinian territory. Increasing numbers of movement and access blockades, continued construction of the separation wall on Palestinian land in deviation from the armistice Lines of 1949 and expansion of Israeli settlements are worsening the humanitarian situation. Even the flotilla carrying relief supplies to the Gaza Strip in international waters was not spared from the Israeli attacks.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation draws attention to the relevant provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which stipulates the responsibilities of an occupying power. Israel, being the signatory of the Convention and as the occupying power, can not legally or morally absolve itself of its responsibilities to guaranteeing the basic human rights of the people under its occupation. The General Assembly and the Security Council in their resolutions adopted over the years have reconfirmed the obligation of Israel to ensure basic human rights of the Palestinian people.

Mr. Chairman,

We express our deep concern over the precarious humanitarian situation, and urge Israel to lift its embargo against Palestinians and immediately open all border crossings to allow for the free movement of goods, persons and humanitarian aid. We would like to see the freedom of movement for Palestinians throughout the occupied territories, we would like to see the end of collective punishments of the civilians in Gaza, ceasing the construction of the separation wall impairing the contiguity of Palestinian territory and complying fully with the advisory opinion of the International court of justice and all provisions of the General Assembly resolutions, ensuring fair trial and detention conditions in line with its responsibilities set forth in the road map.

Mr. Chairman,

We express our total solidarity with the Palestinian people and reiterate our full and unwavering support to the cause and legitimate and inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to a sovereign and independent State with Jerusalem as its capital. We fully endorse the recommendations of the Committee and urge for their implementation.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.