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**Israel's racially discriminatory policies and legal system amount to the crime of
Apartheid**

Palestinians inside Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories are subjected to different laws than Jewish Israelis and are systematically denied equal access to education, healthcare, and work opportunities.

This institutionalized discrimination is based on ethnicity, religion, and nationality.

Israel's dual legal system and racially discriminatory policies are designed to maintain Jewish dominance over the indigenous Palestinian population, and are tantamount to a regime of apartheid.

Moreover, in March 2011, the Knesset passed the Nakba Bill that criminalizes Palestinian collective and individual memory of dispossession and displacement and thus exacerbates Israel's differential treatment of its Jewish and non-Jewish citizens.

Furthermore, Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem must demonstrate their continued residency for seven years or face revocation of their residency status. This policy is designed to alter the demographic composition of Jerusalem in pursuit of colonial objectives and is indicative of an ongoing forced population transfer policy in contravention to established international law.

The Apartheid Wall, deemed illegal by the International Court of Justice for being built in the Occupied West Bank and effectively separating Palestinians from their schools, farmlands, homes, and families, has wrought a brutal regime. This regime includes the severe restriction of Palestinian movement, the systematic confiscation of Palestinian lands, the expansion of illegal settlements, and the continued implantation of a settler-colonial population in contravention of Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

In addition, Israel continues to impose a blockade on the 1.5 million residents of Gaza in violation of Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

Mr. President, we urge the Human Rights Council to:

1. Condemn recent Israeli legislation- including the Nakba Law, the Admissions Committee Law and the Amendment to Ordinance 1943- as racially discriminatory practices intended to forcibly displace Palestinians and institutionalize racially segregated towns and villages.
2. Condemn Israel's racist residency practices which amount to a policy of forced population transfer in contravention of Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.
3. Demand that Israel ends its illegal blockade of Gaza and to urge the United

Nations Security Council to implement the recommendations set forth in the Goldstone Report.