



**Statement of the Delegation of the Republic of Iraq to the
Second Committee Meetings in the 66th Session of the General
Assembly**

Regarding

**Item (61). The Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian
people in the occupied Palestinian territories, including East
Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian
Golan over their natural resources**

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Mr. President,

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on your election for the presidency of this committee. We are confident that your wisdom and fine management will lead to tangible results that would help this committee in achieving its goals.

The Second Committee is discussing in its agenda the item entitled “the Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources”. This item is considered very important in light of the development happening in the region and the Palestinian issue in particular.

Several United Nations reports point out that the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem, is restricting the presence and success of their work. This occupation also increases the Economic and Social difficulties suffered by the Palestinian People. In addition, these reports also highlight the use of excessive and non proportional force by the Israeli Occupation forces that continually resort to arbitrary detention, expansion of settlements, and the destruction of property. It has been noted that these forces have imposed restrictions on movement , and have also restricted building permits and imposed closure policies.

Mr. President,

The list of Israeli violations is countless through its history of occupation; I will mention some irrefutable facts: In the period between the 1st of February 2010 and 20th of March 2011, Israeli forces killed 98 Palestinians and injured 1,871. In the same period, 5 Israelis were killed and 82 were injured as result of the conflict. On the matter

of detentions, it is estimated that there are 6,000 Palestinians detainees including 231 children. There have also been 210 arrests without charge or trial. The year 2010 witnessed a significant increase in demolitions, the increase bypassed the previous years since 2005. At least 431 Palestinian buildings were destroyed in Occupied East Jerusalem and area C in the West Bank, those demolitions include 137 residential structures that led to the displacement of 594 people and affected 14,136 others. Statements issued by the World Bank highlighted that 33% of demolition orders between the years 2000 and 2007 were against Palestinian structures, and only 91 building permits were granted during the same period. Demolition orders against Israeli structures were not shown to go above 7%, while 18,472 building permits were subsequently issued to Israelis.

In the Occupied Syrian Golan, the Israeli occupation of land and closure of crossings leading to the Syrian Arab Republic is considered one of the largest obstacles that stand in face of Economic development and the integration of social fabric.

Mr. President,

The policy adopted by the Israeli occupation forces in Palestinian territories and occupied Syrian Golan in 2010 is clearly aimed at increasing economic and social difficulties for the people who are affected by this occupation. This policy of aggression against human and stone has become the dominant feature of this policy. This has undermined peace efforts in the region, which have for so long sought to achieve a just peace, and its positive effects on the management of with the sincere intention of the Arab side in to end this struggle that has lasted long enough , and achieving a just peace and its positive effects on the management of resources. Until now, no peace has been

achieved, nor does active development appear on the horizon, this is due to the Israeli stubbornness that turned the life of unarmed Palestinians into an open battle field through the continued use of excessive military force, and the continuation of the an inhuman blockade on Palestinian territories and holding of Palestinians as hostages on their own land. The Israeli occupation forces have outperformed other occupation forces throughout history, through its specialized technical methods of exterminating children. The Israeli forces have mastered the creation of widows and orphans as if it is working relentlessly to exterminate the defenseless Palestinian people.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation for your attention, and hoping for a near and just end for the Arab-Israeli Conflict according to International legitimacy represented by the related Resolutions of the General Assembly and The Security Council. In addition to proceeding with the road map of the Arab Peace Initiative, in order to achieve a comprehensive and just Peace and put an end to occupation and the creation of a Palestinian State on the borders of 1967 with East Jerusalem as its Capital. That will provide an opportunity for peaceful coexistence between Israel and Palestine, as two sovereign States enjoying security and democracy together on the basis of equality.

Thank You Mr. President