

**Statement of
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On behalf of the Non Aligned Movement**

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Mr President

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement. The movement is deeply concerned about the late submission of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the issue of Palestinian pregnant women giving birth at Israeli checkpoints. We call on OHCHR to ensure that in the future, such reports will be presented within the required time frame.

The Non-Aligned Movement expresses its grave concern about the unilateral measures by Israel, the occupying power, aiming at altering the status and demographic composition of the OPT, its continuation of the unlawful settlement activities particularly in East Jerusalem, and its illegal blockade on the Palestinian civilian population in Gaza which is the cause of the current severe humanitarian crisis, impeding its reconstruction, and depriving the Gaza population from the full range of their human rights. We are deeply concerned at the measures undertaken by Israel aiming at the fragmentation of the West Bank, the severing of West Bank from East Jerusalem, the imposition of severe restrictions on the freedom of movement of Palestinians, and the carrying out of forced evictions or demolitions of Palestinians' homes. All these measures, as well as many others, indicate that Israel, the occupying power, is deliberately ignoring its obligations under international human rights law and international humanitarian law as well as disregarding UN resolutions.

NAM reaffirms that East Jerusalem is an integral part of the Occupied Palestinian Territories and that all Israeli measures aimed at altering the legal, geographic and demographic character or status of Jerusalem and of the Occupied Palestinian Territory as a whole are null and void and have no legal validity whatsoever. Our Movement urges Israel to immediately cease all illegal practices in and around East Jerusalem as they gravely undermine the contiguity, integrity, viability and unity of the Occupied Palestinian Territory and jeopardize the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. The Non-Aligned Movement condemns Israel's deliberate policy regarding the construction of more new settlement units and the continued Israeli declarations in this regard. The NAM also expresses its deep concern regarding the extensive damage and humanitarian repercussions caused by the Israeli settlements, the separation Wall, and the inhuman network of checkpoints, which are severing the Palestinian territory and jeopardizing the prospects for achieving the two-state solution. In light

of all the preceding, the NAM fully supports the three draft resolutions presented to this Council on Israeli Practices, Israeli Settlements, and on the Right of the Palestinian People to Self Determination. We call on all members to support these resolutions

Mr President,

The Movement expresses its grave concern for the delay in issuance of the report of the Secretary General regarding the Human rights situation in the Occupied Syrian Golan. This is in spite of the fact that the Office had a whole year to work on the report, and despite the full cooperation of Syria with the Office and its delegation which visited Syria last year to research, first hand, the human rights situation in the occupied Syrian Golan.

The movement demands that Israel comply with Security Council Resolution 497 (1981) and withdraw fully from the occupied Syrian Golan to the lines of 4 June 1967, in implementation of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The NAM expresses its deep concern at the continuing deterioration in the human rights situation in the Occupied Syrian Golan, especially the recent decision to build 1200 settlement units in the area in clear violation of international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and the Human Rights Council resolutions. We reaffirms that all measures and actions taken, or to be taken by Israel, the occupying Power, such as its illegal decision of 14 December 1981 that purports to alter the legal, physical and demographic status of the occupied Syrian Golan and its institutional structure, as well as the Israeli measures to apply its jurisdiction and administration there, are null and void and have no legal effect.

The NAM reiterates its demand for Israel to comply immediately and unconditionally with the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention, and to apply them to the Syrian detainees in the occupied Syrian Golan. We strongly condemn the Israeli brutal practices in Israeli occupation prisons, and express our grave concern at the inhuman conditions of the Syrian detainees in the occupied Syrian Golan which have put their lives at risk. In light of all the preceding, the NAM fully supports the draft resolution on the Human Rights in the Occupied Syrian Golan and calls on all members of the Council to support this resolution. I thank you.