

ISRAEL

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(Response to Mendez Report on Genocide)

Mr. President, *I would like to welcome special adviser Mendez and  
concur with his report mandate.*

Permit me to quote a few representative examples of hateful

invective that were not directly addressed in the Special Adviser's  
report.

Just last year, the President of Iran spoke at a Conference ~~entitled~~

~~"A World Without Zionism."~~ <sup>where</sup> At that conference, he said "Our dear

Imam has ordered that the regime in Jerusalem be wiped off the

map. This was a very wise statement." He also called for "the

destruction and elimination of the Zionist regime."

The President of Iran has publicly stated that Israel "invented the

myth that Jews were massacred" and "avails itself of the fairy tale

of the Holocaust for blackmail."

He also exhorted the international community to "remove Israel

before it's too late and save yourself from the fury of regional

nations."

Mr. President,

The aforementioned alarming calls for the annihilation of one U.N.

Member State by another are common knowledge and available in

the public domain.

They constitute a stark violation of the Genocide convention, the UN Charter, and the essence of the UN as a whole. They are representative of Iran's unceasing campaign of incitement to genocide, while having the pretense and audacity to supposedly enhance a "culture of peace and tolerance" at the same time, in their UN-speak.

Such statements, including Holocaust denial, should raise an alarm among UN members, especially in this forum, and should be addressed by the Special Adviser as well. Hence, my question to you, ~~Mr. Mendez~~, is in reference to your report, particularly in the view that hate speech, incitement to violence and ~~humiliation of a group in the media~~ are among the warning signs leading to genocide, when do you intend to inquire as to this issue as a matter of urgency?