EoV the vote.

Thank you, Mr. Provident

Norway has since the outbreak of the Gaza conflict emphasized that the parties to the conflict bear the primary responsibility to investigate and prosecute possible violations of humanitarian law conducted by forces under their command.

Norway supported General Assembly resolution 64/254 of 26 February 2010. This resolution called on the parties to conduct investigations that are independent and credible and comply with international standards. Further, the General Assembly requested the UN Secretary-General to report on the implementation by the parties, with a view to the consideration of further action in monitoring national investigations by the relevant United Nations organs and bodies. This report is due by the end of July this year.

In the follow up of the Goldstone report it is essential to secure a coordinated and coherent approach by relevant UN organs. Competing or even contradicting processes must be avoided.

Norway believes that the resolution A/HRC/13/L.30 in OP9 contradicts GA resolution 64/254 by deciding to take further action with regard to monitoring national investigations long before the SG report is due.

For this reason Norway could not support resolution A/HRC/13/L.30 and abstain (1).

Thank you.