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Mr. president

We like to extend our sincere gratitude to Special Rapporteur for his report

In addressing the human rights violations committed by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Mr. president

The annexation of Jerusalem is an illegal act and breaches international law

In the partition plan attached to the resolution 181 adopted in 1947, the UN General assembly declared that the city of Jerusalem corpus separatum and placed under special international regim.

Since 1967, Israel de facto annexation of east Jerusalem and has repeatedly rejected by the international community through series of UN security council and general assembly resolutions that reaffirm that all actions taken by Israel which rend to change the legal status of Jerusalem are invalid.

As well and under article 49 of 4th Geneva convention , an occupying power is strictly prohibited from conducting individual or mass transfers of the occupied civilian population either by acts of expultion of through creation of a coercive environment.

Land and home expropriation is an on going Israeli policy which has affected

Palestinian inhabitants of Jerusalem since the very beginning of Israeli colonization of Jerusalem by passing laws and regulations which allaw for the confiscation of private properties.

The Israeli cabinet unanimously approved a draft law to Judaize the city of Jerusalem by garanting financial and national priority status to the development of Jerusalem , its main goal is to encourage the young jewish Israeli to settle in Jerusalem by offording housing and tax benefits as well as allocating budgets for the construction of new colonies.

The Israeli government can not use the annexation of Jerusalem to apply the racist policies on the Jerusalemites. The policies put in place violates the stipulations in the Geneva Convention..

I thank you Mr. president