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**ON AGENDA ITEM 63: PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OF THE  
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN  
TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM, AND OF THE  
ARAB POPULATION IN THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN, OVER  
THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES  
AT THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE 72<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to thank the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) for the report that was presented under this agenda item in compliance with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2016/14 and General Assembly resolution 71/247. Malaysia wishes to align its statement with the statement delivered by Ecuador on behalf of G77 and China.



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2. For half a century, Israel has been illegally occupying Palestinian lands and exploiting the natural resources, including in East Jerusalem and in other Arab territories, resulting in an increasingly detrimental impact on the social and economic conditions of the Palestinian people and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan.

Mr. Chairman,

3. The latest report by the ESCWA reaffirms that Israeli practices and policies in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as well as in the occupied Syrian Golan is in violation with the international humanitarian law and international human rights law which affects the social and economic conditions of the Palestinian people and the Arab population.

4. The report further outlined continued blatant disregard of international laws by Israel, which also includes the construction of the wall inside the Occupied Palestinian Territory; the exploitation of Palestinian natural resources; the increased demolition of homes; the state of economic institutions; agricultural lands and infrastructure; the revocation of residency rights of Palestinians in and around occupied East Jerusalem; the ongoing Israeli military operations



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throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem; as well as policies of closure and severe restrictions on the movement of persons and goods, including a blockade on the Gaza Strip.

5. We note with grave concern that tensions and violence continue to erupt in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, due to the growing frustration felt by Palestinians due to prolonged occupation, settlement expansion and infringement of the status quo of the holy sites that were chipping away the viability of a Palestinian State and the ability of the Palestinian people to live in dignity.

6. We condemn this ruthless and lopsided treachery towards the people of Palestine roots from the discriminatory Israeli policies and human rights violations, which include home demolitions and the resulting displacement, discriminatory allocation of water and provision of access to land, movement restrictions, and the discriminatory legal system.

7. The catastrophic effects of the home demolitions and violence committed by the illegal settlers have impacted Palestinian children in particular, both physically and psychologically. The harsh facts of life for children living under the Occupation, growing into adulthood



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knowing only occupation, repression and violence will bear negatively not just on their future, but also for the prospect of peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Chairman,

8. We urge the United Nations system to strengthen its programmes of assistance to mitigate the sufferings faced by the Palestinians and the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan. We also call upon the international community to ensure that the relevant UN agencies, such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) are provided with adequate and reliable funding, and financial resources to facilitate their work in reducing the hardships and crisis.

9. During Malaysia's non-permanent membership in the Security Council for the term 2015-2016, Malaysia had been at the forefront in highlighting the expansion of the illegal Israeli settlement. The adoption of Resolution 2334 on 23 December 2016 reflects the international community's view that the Israeli illegal settlements and increasing encroachments in the occupied territory of Palestine threaten and undermine the viability as well as prospects for the physical realization of the two-State solution.



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10. Given the above, the United Nations has various tools at its disposal to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including the settlement issue. In this regard, Malaysia urges Member States to garner the necessary political will to urgently act to reverse the negative trends on the ground that are creating a one-state reality instead of the two-State solution.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.