

2015 Third Committee - Human Rights Council Report EOV

thank you Mr. Chairman,

Every day around the world, human rights are being violated in the worst kinds of ways. People are being indiscriminately targeted by barrel bombs, hanged for so called *Moral Crimes* and sold as sex slaves in city centers.

Nevertheless, the Human Rights Council deliberately ignores all those violations and continues its biased fixation with the only democracy in the Middle East, the state of Israel.

This past year the council issued a Commission of Inquiry which was followed by a resolution that distorts the truth, and completely ignores the violations of international Human Rights Law and international humanitarian law committed by Hamas and other Palestinian armed groups.

Moreover, it seems that the Council does not care for the Human Rights of Israelis. Thousands of missiles and mortars were fired indiscriminately on our cities, hospitals and schools and the council has never uttered the word Hamas in any of its resolutions.

Mr. Chairman

Unfortunately, I must say, it did not come as a surprise to us. The Human Rights Council has been taken over by some of the worst human rights violators in the world and has completely abandoned its founding principles of "universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity".

In the last few weeks we have seen leaders taking advantage of the council proceedings to spread their propaganda, to defame a member state, and to incite to violence. It seems that instead of advancing we are going backwards to the days of the disfunctioning Human Rights Committee.

These harsh words are supported by numbers. The council has adopted over 60 resolutions against Israel and only 55 country resolutions against the rest of the world. It had 7 special sessions on Israel, out of a total of 23. Similarly, it established 6 fact finding missions and commissions against Israel and only 6 on other countries. And it has a permanent item 7 on its agenda, separately debating only Israel.

Mr. Chairman,

We urge all other delegations with a genuine interest in promoting a responsible human rights agenda around the world to voice their concern as well.

To conclude, faced with a report that continues to perpetuate a politicized agenda against my country, my delegation ~~calls for a vote on this resolution, and~~ will vote against it.

Thank you.