**Discredit the Schabas Report**

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In most cases, the U.N. Human Rights Council does not fulfill the mission that was intended for it -- protecting and promoting human rights around the world. There are countless examples of the council going astray, and I will highlight just one -- in April 2013, North Korea and Iran, a "cradle of enlightenment," proposed a resolution condemning Canada for human rights violations. The resolution received the backing of China, Pakistan, Egypt and Russia.

Not only is this not funny, it's also sad. We live in an era in which economic interests take clear precedence over human values. In today's world, oppression of humanity is alarmingly ignored. We live in a region in which children are used as human shields and the world turns a blind eye. Therefore, it is not surprising that the council cynically criticizes Israel's actions. It does not matter how much of a utopian island we are, the council's attitude toward us reflects, more than anything, the absurdity of the patterns of behavior of international organizations.

Since its founding, the council has passed more than 100 resolutions condemning policies that are said to violate human rights. More than 45 percent of these resolutions have been directed at Israel. Genocide in Darfur? Use of unconventional weapons in Syria? Executions of homosexuals in Iran? The massacre of Yazidis in Iraq? All of these are of less interest to the council.

In 2009, the council established the committee that wrote the Goldstone report, which harshly condemned Israel's defensive actions against the Hamas terrorist organization in Gaza during Operation Cast Lead, and this report became key fodder for critics of Israel across the globe.

The U.N. General Assembly adopted the Goldstone report and called on Israel and the Palestinians to investigate its findings. However, in 2011, Richard Goldstone himself wrote in The Washington Post, "If I had known then what I know now, the Goldstone report would have been a different document."

We now face another challenging time. Although its ridiculousness is known, the council has not changed its pattern of behavior and it is establishing another committee to investigate the recent fighting in Gaza. The committee will be led by William Schabas, who has set a goal of finding Israel guilty and will do everything necessary to achieve that goal.

After all, Schabas has a long history of bias against Israel -- he called on the world to not "exaggerate" former Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's statements; he said that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was the greatest threat to Israel and should be put on trial at the International Criminal Court; and he stated that it was his "profound belief, that international law can be used to demonstrate and underscore the violations committed by the State of Israel." In 2011, Schabas spoke about the importance of human rights at a conference in Iran organized by a group directly tied to the same Ahmadinejad who called for the destruction of Israel.

Although Israel has always sought peace, thousands of rockets have been fired at it in recent years. Hamas has turned schools and hospitals into rocket launching sites. Instead of building a peaceful Gaza, Hamas constructed tunnels to be used to kill innocent Israelis just because they were Jewish. However, Schabas will not take note of any of this, and Israel's main challenge will be to take away the credibility from the report he will write. The garbage can of history has plenty of room.