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**Statement**

**by**

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**before**

**the Special Session of the Human Rights Council**

***on the Situation in Lebanon***

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*In the Name of God, the Compassionate the Merciful*

Mr. President,

Few days ago the newly established Human Rights Council experienced its first special session, try to overcome the dilemma to move forward and assume responsibilities by being sensitive to the outcry of people, victims of gross and systematic violations of human rights in occupied territories of Palestine.

Once again it chose to respond to the demand of member States, underlying thereby the omnipotence of International Human Rights Law as a means to echoing the concerns of the depressed and voiceless people of Lebanon.

The brutal collective punishment that the Lebanese are now enduring is the Israeli signature of aggression which the peoples in the region have experienced time and again in the past several decades. The new round is more alarming as it occurs at sensitive time when various Lebanese communities and parties are engaged in a national endeavor to reach a comprehensive understanding.

Diplomatic words fail to describe the massacre of innocent women and children in Qana, which suffered a similar tragedy ten years ago when Israel cold-bloodedly murdered hundreds of civilians who had taken refuge at the UN outpost there. Why, person wonder, did they choose Qana yet again?

Mr. President,

There is no place on these sad days of the mankind history for any discussion other than calling by the Human Rights Council for the human rights of the Lebanese people, for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire, as well as international investigation into the continuing Israeli massacres in Lebanon, in violation of international human rights and humanitarian laws and basic human decency, without delay.

This is indeed, an opportunity for the High commissioner for Human Rights to urgently visit region and investigates the violations of human rights in Lebanon, including the bombardment of Lebanese civilians and infrastructure, leading to thousands of deaths and injuries killing of civilians especially in Qana killing.

In showing solidarity with the People and Government of Lebanon, the Council's voice on this issue must be clear. This clear voice is an indication to them that the international community stands by them in their time of distress.

Thank You, Mr. President