Trib editorial: Another Israel bashing at the U.N.

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Despite warnings from President Trump that he will not tolerate the United Nations Human Rights Council's anti-Israel bias — a point he made clear in his September remarks before the U.N. General Assembly — an investigator's recent report on abuses in the Palestinian territories chastised Israel while giving Palestinians a pass.

During a U.N. press conference in New York, Canadian law professor Michael Lynk, the Human Rights Council's special rapporteur on conditions in the West Bank and Gaza, said he did not include human-rights abuses by Hamas or the Palestinian Authority because that was not his mandate, Fox News reported. He accused some journalists of confusing that mandate.

“It is not aimed at Israel, it's aimed at Israeli occupation of a territory that's not its own,” Mr. Lynk said. Those who confuse that mandate, he added, “obfuscate … the 60-year-old occupation.”

Yet such a mandate, so narrowly focused, ignores abuses by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas “against their own people,” let alone against Israelis in suicide attacks, according to Hillel Neuer, executive director of the monitoring group U.N. Watch.

Both Israeli Ambassador Danny Danon and U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley excoriated Lynk's report. And Mr. Trump has made plain his disgust over Israel-bashing at Turtle Bay by withdrawing from the U.N.'s cultural agency commonly known as UNESCO.

The Human Rights Council deserves the same treatment if it does not change its jaded views on Israel.