**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA**

**GENERAL DEBATE OF ITEM 7**

**HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PALESTINE AND OTHER OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES**

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Mr. President,

Indonesia would like to associate itself with the statements delivered by distinguished delegates of Iran and Pakistan on behalf of NAM and OIC respectively as well as LMG joint statement delivered by the delegation of Nicaragua.

As already stated earlier, up till the present being, the Palestinian people continues to experience tremendous sufferings. Numerous resolutions have been made by this Council in its Regular and Special Sessions, but most have fallen to deaf ears.

Indonesia believes that the future of this Council lies in its ability to end blatant human rights violations on the ground particularly the ones happening in Palestine, right before our eyes. We believe that the root of all problems in the Middle East stems from the situation in Palestine and therefore, the Human Rights Council should be the most vocal, the most intense and to always be at the forefront of the attempts to eliminate human rights violations and abuses in Palestine.

Mr. President,

For our part, Indonesia has held Extraordinary Summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on the situation in Palestine, provided technical assistance for Palestine under the New Asian-African Strategic Partnership (NAASP) and has consistently voiced our support for the Palestinian cause from our independence up till the present being.

Indonesia, therefore, reiterates that there is now the immediate need for international recognition of state’s obligation to respect international human rights instruments and the international humanitarian law.

On such note, the Human Rights Council should use all available means and resources to grant the Palestinian people their long overdue human rights. If the Council managed to exert pressures on states to cooperate with the Special Procedure Mandate Holder (SPMH) or to comply with the existing international human rights conventions as seen in the pressures made on the implementation of ICCPR and other related conventions, then it should spare no effort to use all of these means in solving the Palestinian problem.

Mr. President,

On a final note, we, in this Council, are in full agreement that peace cannot be achieved at the expense of human rights and this, of course, applies to all countries. Based on such logic, for the much awaited peace to materialize in Palestine, it is imperative that we must first eliminate all of the human rights violations which have been going on there.

Thank you Mr. President.