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**Item 7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories**

**General Debate**

**Statement by the International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (ISMUN)**

**Presented by Abdallah Aburahma**

Mr. President

It is an honour for me to address this session on behalf of the International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (ISMUN) which has consistently defended the rights of the Palestinian people at the Human Rights Council.

My name is Abdallah Aburahma and I am co-ordinator of the Bil'in Popular Committee Against the Wall and Settlements in occupied Palestine.

The Palestinians have been living under a brutal occupation for many decades now. As a human rights defender I have spent a good deal of my life in Israeli jail for peaceful activities to uphold international law and human rights on behalf of my people. Nevertheless Israel has continuously violated our most basic human rights, killed and arrested people and stolen our land, resources and taxes. We now call for radically new measures from the UN and the international community to offer protection to the Palestinian people under occupation.

A few days ago the Israeli Prime Minister openly declared that he does not support a two state solution and will continue to build illegal settlements. Such a statement once again demonstrates Israel's total disregard of international law and also clearly demonstrates that concessions to the occupying power has brought us nowhere close to peace and justice.

It is time for all states and other actors to live up to their obligations according to international law and end all collaboration with the Israeli settlements. We now call on the Human Rights Council to regularly report and review the existing collaboration with the settlements as well as actions taken at the national and international level to halt all collaboration with the settlements which must now be a high priority.

Finally we call on all groups and countries to fully participate under Item 7 at the next session of the Council and trust that the President of the Council and the High Commissioner undertake all diplomatic efforts to restore full participation and support for this important item on the Agenda.

Thank you