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

**Interactive dialogue with:**

**- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967**

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

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Mr President,

We welcome the first report by the new Special Rapporteur on human rights in occupied Palestine.

The report clearly testifies to the urgency of the grave and deteriorating human rights situation in the occupied territories of the State of Palestine.

The report of the Special Rapporteur also once again demonstrates the importance of a mandate that surely will remain within the Human Rights Council until the end of the occupation and in parallel with and as part of the standing item 7 on its Agenda.

We support all the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur to the Government of Israel. His emphasis of action needed to stop the systematic violations against and ill treatment of Palestinian children is particularly important.

We would like to make a recommendation to the Special Rapporteur that in view of the total disregard by Israel of international law, human rights, humanitarian law and the resolutions of all competent UN bodies, the Special Rapporteur should complement his report with recommendations to states, international organisations and all other actors on measures needed to put pressure on Israel to respect the rights of the Palestinian people.

We would recommend a more close interaction between the Special Rapporteur and civil society groups who are advocating measures such as ending all collaboration which support settlements and occupation. We at the same time recommend that the Special Reporter develop his dialogue with states and other actors on possible measures to put pressure on Israel in this respect.

We would like to ask the Special Rapporteur if he could see a possibility to enlarge the global outreach of his work to all regions of the world to interact on the issue of the negative effects of any collaboration with Israeli occupation policies, and if it would be helpful if more resources would be provided to his mandate from the United Nations.

Thank you.