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**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran**

**ID with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the  
Palestinian territories**

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**Mr. President,**

We took note of the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories.

We are deeply disturbed by the persistence systematic and flagrant breaches of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in the occupied Palestine. We share the Rapporteur's attitude that "the suffering of the people of Palestine is inseparably linked to the partition arrangements initially proposed by the United Nations in 1947, and which were never implemented or revised in a manner that takes full account of the rights of the Palestinian people, above all their inalienable right of self-determination".

Most regrettably, during the last year, the occupiers of Palestine continued their illegal, brutal and horrific measures and actions against innocent Palestinian people by maintaining the blockade of the Gaza Strip, prolonging the humanitarian crisis , restriction of movement , expansion of the settlements, demolition of the Palestinian homes and other facilities ,illegal imprisonment of Palestinian political figures and women and children who are subjected to severe torture and ill-treatment , denial of the right to life and liberty of person ,including by, targeted killings and murder, serious bodily and mental harm, infringement of freedom ,torture and arbitrary arrest .

**Mr. President**

As rightly pointed out by the Special Rapporteur, through

prolonged occupation, with practices and policies, which appears to constitute apartheid and segregation, ongoing expansion of settlements and continual construction of the wall, aggression through military occupation and imposition of military blockades on ports and coasts, racial discrimination and apartheid, and torture arguably amounting to serious breaches of peremptory norms under international law including the right to self-determination which applies *erga omnes*. In this regard, we maintain that the competent international organizations, should address effectually, promptly and utterly such serious breaches to bring an end to them bearing in mind the obligation not to recognize or maintain the illegal situation.

In conclusion, taking note of the recommendations provided by the Special Rapporteur in his final report, my delegation would like to call upon the International community in particular the Council:

- to appoint an expert group to propose a special protocol to the Fourth Geneva Convention with the specific purpose of proposing a legal regime for any occupation that lasts for more than five years;
- to investigate whether foreign corporate connections with unlawful occupation policies to settlements, separation wall, Gaza blockade, house demolitions and excessive use of force in the occupied Palestine and other unlawful Israeli regime activities, and take appropriate action to end such practices and ensure appropriate reparation for affected Palestinians.
- to take effective and immediate measures to cease expanding and creating settlements in occupied Palestine, start dismantling existing settlements and provide appropriate reparations for the Palestinians who suffered due to settlement and related activity and act diligently to protect Palestinians living under Israeli occupation from settler violence;
- to lift the continued unlawful blockade of Gaza, cease military incursions, allow Gazans to benefit fully from their natural resources situated within their borders or off the coast of Gaza, and take account of a deepening emergency in Gaza;

Finally, we reiterate that the occupation of Palestine by the occupying power remains the main obstacle to realization of the basic rights of the Palestinian people and above all their inalienable right of self-

determination.

Thank you Mr. President

