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before

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on

**Item 7:
Human Rights Situation in Palestine
and other Occupied Arab territories**

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. President,

The human rights situation in the occupied Palestinian territories remains grave and worsening within a general climate of impunity. Human Rights Council, since its inception, has convened three special sessions to discuss the atrocities committed by Israeli regime against the people of Palestine.

The resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its relevant special sessions, expressed grave concerns over the gross and systematic violation of human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories by the Israeli regime, the occupying Power, and called for urgent international action to put an immediate end to these violations, including those emanating from the series of incessant and repeated Israeli military incursions. The Council also decided to dispatch two separate fact-finding missions to occupied territories and Biet Hanoun to address the urgent situations and report back to the council accordingly.

Regrettably, despite all these international efforts, the adopted resolutions of this august body have remained unanswered and the Israeli regime has continued to perpetuate massive abuses of human rights, which extensively reported by various United Nation Human Rights mechanisms, particularly by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Palestine and other Arab territories. Israeli's daily military aggressions to the Gaza Strip and the use of excessive force against the Palestinian civilians in every part of the occupied territories constitute massive and systematic violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of Palestinian people including right to life and the right to self determination.

It is to be noted that while the situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories has further deteriorated and the suffering of the Palestinian people is on rise, those responsible for these crimes and violations continue to ignore the decisions of the international community with absolute impunity. The impunity by which the Israeli regime has been allowed to carry out its crimes so far, even increase its aggressive policies and terrorist acts against innocent civilians.

Mr. President,

We would like to express our deep concern over the vast digging and excavations carried out by the Israeli regime beneath and around Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound, which are blatant violation of the religious and cultural rights of the Palestinian people and Muslims in general.

We call upon the international community and particularly this august body to take all necessary measures to put an end to the continuation of occupation, aggression and violation of human rights by the Israeli regime against the innocent people in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories, as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mr. President,