

STATEMENT BY THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION
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INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE SR ON THE OPT
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Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the Special Rapporteur for his comprehensive report, highlighting detail and widespread violations of international human rights and humanitarian laws in the OPT, as a result of far too long occupation by Israel.

My delegation also associates itself with the statements made by Pakistan and Iran on behalf of OIC and NAM respectively.

Mr. President,

Indonesia shares the sentiment of frustration of not only the Special Rapporteur but also the international community in general, as Israel continues its non-cooperative and non-compliance attitude. A series of defamatory attacks by pro-Israel lobbying organization, demeaning the Special Rapporteur's character simply confirms how the international community is powerless or lack of will to firmly address this prolonged problem. This unfortunate circumstance is simply unacceptable.

The overwhelmed support of the General Assembly to recognize Palestine as a non-member observer state on 29 November 2012 should be a turning point to the realization of the collective and inalienable right of self-determination of the Palestinian people. It is timely for the international community to deliver its promise. The Palestinian people have been waiting for too long for that 46 years of the international community's empty promise to be materialized.

Mr. President,

The report points out various useful updates on how 46 years of Israel's occupation of Palestine has caused serious mental disorders associated with living for decades without the protection of laws and rights and with stifling restrictions on mobility and travel. My delegation notes with interest the observation in the report that the prolonged state of exception has facilitated the unlawful Israeli annexation and demographic manipulations in various areas of the OPT. The settlement policy is another confirmation these illegitimate acts by the Occupying Power.

Various testimonies in the report have also brought about terrifying facts on the ground, affecting deeply the daily life of the Palestinian population on the ground. The Special Rapporteur's observations on the Operation of Pillar of Defence provide us not only with the raison d'être of the Israeli decision makers, but also in depth ramification of the operation to the civilian Palestinian population. Its strong psychological impacts among young children who were experiencing nightmares, bedwetting, and panic attacks deserve our special attention.

My delegation is in agreement with the recommendation that the international community should investigate the activities of businesses that profit from Israel's settlements, and take appropriate action to end any activities in occupied Palestine and ensure appropriate reparation for affected Palestinians. This different perspective will enable us to observe the issue comprehensively.

In conclusion, Mr. President, while we continuously call on States to combat impunity, it is opportune for the international community to combat its attitude of impunity against Israel's total disrespect of too many international laws and agreements. Against this background, I wish to ask Mr. Falk on how to use the existing international legal mechanism to bring to an end this unethical attitude of Israel?

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Thank you.