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The International Association of Democratic Lawyers expresses its deepest solidarity and support to Professor Richard Falk for the defamatory attacks he suffered in the fulfillment of his mandate and urges the Human Rights Council to defend its mandate holders from such irresponsible and dishonest accusations.

Once more Israel failed to cooperate with international mechanisms. We consider that such attitude, together with Israel's persistent violation of international law implicates the elements provided by article 6 of the United Nation Charter.

The report presented by the Special Rapporteur on the Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories underlines the well know devastating effects of the prolonged Israel's occupation, the illegal blockade of Gaza and the periodic military operations and incursions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories by the Israeli's security forces.

Gaza has been converted in a large open air prison and one of the more impoverished territories in the world. Optimistic UN projection foresees the collapse of Gaza as a viable entity by 2020. Israel's occupation shows no signs of ending and the interests and wellbeing of the civilian population are jeopardized, perhaps irreversibly.

After 46 years Israel continues to flout, with total impunity, international humanitarian law. IADL expresses serious concerns for the failure of High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions to uphold the duty set forth in common article 1 "to respect and to ensure respect for the present Conventions in all circumstances". The impunity granted to Israel by the international community, and in particular by some countries, could start to be considered as complicity in war crimes.

We urge the international community to fully implement the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur and in particular:

- to establish a commission of inquiry into the situation of Palestinian detained or imprisoned by Israel with particular regard to the situation of children tried by military courts and the misuse of administrative detention;
- to investigate the activities of business that profit from Israel's settlements.

We urge the government of Israel:

- 1) to end the occupation of Palestine;
- 2) to lift immediately the illegal blockade of the Gaza Strip in place since mid-2007, which constitutes a form of collective punishment prohibited under international humanitarian law;
- 3) to dismantle buffer zones and allow Palestinian farmer to take full advantage of their agricultural land;
- 4) to allow Palestinian people to make use of their maritime area up to 20 miles and to stop all acts of aggression against fishermen and farmers;
- 5) to assure travel permits for those needing urgent medical treatments;
- 6) to put an end to the policy of administrative detention and to ensure respect of international law and standards related to the treatment of prisoners and in particular to stop immediately the ill-treatment of children detainees that, according to UNICEF, are "widespread, systematic and institutionalized";
- 7) to respect the terms of the ceasefire agreed after the operation "Pillar of Defense" and therefor to stop incursions and target assassinations and to allow movement of people and goods at all the border crossing.