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General debate

Madame President,

The report presented by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, along with the recent statement and findings of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing clearly demonstrate the political will of the State of Israel to undermine all efforts to reach a sustainable peace.

The overall policy of "Judaization" implemented by the Israeli government towards the Palestinian people, including the Gaza illegal blockade, the numerous restrictions imposed, the administrative detention, the extrajudicial executions, the settlement expansion, the demolition of homes and other structures, the power cuts, the continuing atmosphere of violence and insecurity seem to want the Palestinians to flee their land, thus increasing the already high number of refugees, without which it will anyway be impossible to find a comprehensive peace agreement.

Last March, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in its concluding observations after consideration of the Israeli report urged Israel to take immediate measures to prohibit and eradicate any policies or practices of racial segregation and apartheid, which severely and disproportionately affect the Palestinian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT).

In order to call for an immediate and comprehensive protection and promotion of the human rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination, as in the case of the apartheid regime in South Africa in the 80's, the international civil society has already launched a broad campaign for Boycott, Disinvestment and Sanctions.

For an effective protection and promotion of the human rights of the Palestinian people, MRAP calls upon the UN member States:

- to immediately stop any military cooperation with the State of Israel;
- to prohibit public and private companies to invest or participate in any project in the OPT unless they are under the auspices of the UN;
- to effectively ensure the protection of the Palestinian population;
- to urge the International Criminal Court to investigate all alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated against the Palestinian people and to brought to justice all the military as well political responsible.

I thank you, Madame President.

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