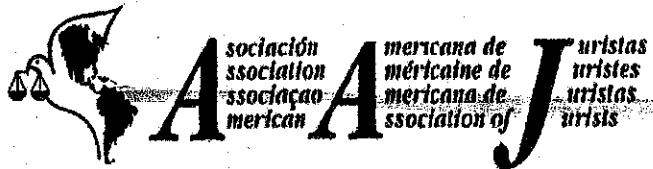


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**Item 7 - Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories**

**Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur (A/HRC/28/78)**

Mr. President,

The American Association of Jurists took note with great interest of the information provided by the Special Rapporteur in his report; we deeply regret that the State of Israel failed to constructively engage with the new Special Rapporteur, Ambassador Wibisono.

Indeed, today the Gaza Strip cannot anymore considered just as an open air prison. It has become a concentration camp whose occupants are victims of the crimes committed by their jailers: arbitrary arrests and detention, destruction of the civilian infrastructure, mass displacement and killings.

Once again, since its creation 10 years ago, the Council received a very serious report on the human rights violations committed by the State of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Mr. President,

It is in the view of the American Association of Jurists that the longstanding and persistent lack of cooperation by the State of Israel with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, calls for a new approach:

- we call upon the Egyptian and the Palestinian authorities to secure a visit of the Special Rapporteur to the Gaza Strip;
- we call upon the Human Rights Council to recommend the involvement of the International Criminal Court for the alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;
- we call upon the Human Rights Council to recommend to the General Assembly to take appropriate sanctions against the State of Israel.

I thank you Mr. President.

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015