It appears that despite your mandate, you intend to use this unprecedented, open-ended Commission of Inquiry to vilify Israel. Thus the creation of this Commission of Inquiry is a politicized processes and serves as a bigoted attack on the Jewish State, applying standards not used for any other Member State. This commission is guilty of the most gross discrimination - it is holding Israel to a different standard to every other country.

Provided below is evidence that contradicts the predetermined conclusions of this Commission and the Human Rights Council re: Alleged violations of international law.

To actually consider alleged violations of international humanitarian law, you must look closely at the actions of Hamas and the Palestinian Authority.

You must first consider that Hamas, which controls Gaza, is sworn to destroy Israel and that Israel has no choice but to impose security measures to protect against terror attacks. Hamas has not only targeted civilians, but has also used their own civilians as human shields. Hamas has also forcibly evicted residents from their homes.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) promotes and encourages “anti-Semitic narratives and glorification of violence.” The PA recruits child soldiers/terrorists and brainwashes Palestinian children to admire murderers. Students are directly incited to violence and instructed to commit jihad against Israelis. The PA tortures critics and political rivals.

The Besa Center and Honest Reporting reports below confront directly and refute allegations against Israel and further provide evidence that Israel took extraordinary steps to preserve life, while Hamas unquestionably killed and injured many civilians.

Israel is a democracy that accords more rights to Arabs and Palestinians than does any other state in the region. The fact that the UN had 14 resolutions on Israel and 5 on the rest of the world in 2021 is further evidence that “the purpose of the lopsided condemnations is to demonize the Jewish state,” there can be no other purpose for this Commission.

Hamas violations documented here:

\*Hamas, Not Israel, Violated International Humanitarian Law by Samuel Estreicher and Julian G. Ku, June 10, 2021, at <https://verdict.justia.com/2021/06/14/hamas-not-israel-violated-international-humanitarian-law>: Hamas has repeatedly violated the core, bedrock principle that civilians cannot be targeted.

\*Hamas used human shields in Gaza war <https://palwatch.org/page/1382> and here <https://palwatch.org/page/6600>.

\*Its members have repeatedly and publicly admitted to targeting civilians. See these examples: <https://palwatch.org/page/18278>, <https://palwatch.org/page/1088>,

Examples of Hamas targeting other Palestinians: <https://palwatch.org/page/1106>

\*Hamas forcibly expels residents from their homes in Rafah <https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2021/01/gaza-hamas-rafah-expropriate-destroy-lands-homes.html#ixzz7KPZD2g9V>

Palestinian violations documented here:

\*Child abuse: Fatah Facebook promotes child soldiers and child martyrdom!

<https://palwatch.org/page/17461> and <https://palwatch.org/page/17471>

\*Impact-se review of textbooks

<https://www.impact-se.org/wp-content/uploads/PA-MoE-Study-Cards-2021%E2%80%9322-Grades-1%E2%80%9311.pdf>

\*Palestinian Prisoners and Torture

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/17880/palestinian-prisoners>

<https://worldakkam.com/pa-committed-2578-violations-in-west-bank-in-2021-middle-east-monitor/649014/>

On Nizar Banat, circumstances that led to his death from AlQuds. <https://bit.ly/3JgM3ba>

Evidence Israel did not commit war crimes

<https://honestreporting.com/human-rights-watch-peddles-war-crimes-accusations-in-biased-anti-israel-report/>

<https://besacenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2081-Palestinians-Killed-by-Hamas-Rockets-Safian-final-2.pdf>

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