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## Statement

by

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on

"the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territories"

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"the Grave situation of human rights in Lebanon caused by Israeli military operations"

at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council

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#### In the Name of God

#### Mr. President.

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC. The report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territories contained in document A/HRC/2/5 suggests that the systematic pattern of human rights violations, massive breaches of international humanitarian law and human rights by Israel have been continuing unabated.

The people in Gaza have been subjected to continuous bombardment and military incursions. Uses of sonic booms have caused widespread terror among Palestinian people, particularly children. Targeted assassinations, construction of the Wall and settlements continue. The demolition of houses remains a regular feature of the occupation. Against all norms and laws, elected cabinet ministers and representatives of Palestinian parliament remain under arbitrary detention.

The report acknowledges that in a large measure the humanitarian crisis is the result of the termination of the funding of the Palestinian Authority. Palestinian people are punished for having democratically elected a Government unacceptable to Israel, the United States, Canada and the European Union.

Those States, who have contributed substantially to the humanitarian crisis by withdrawing funding not only from he Palestinian Authority but also from the Palestinian people, challenge the commitment of the international community to human rights and should be accountable.

Report of Special Rapporteur on human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories requires real action on the part of the Human Rights Council in particular and the United Nations in general. It must not be forgotten that the root cause of this crisis is the continued occupation of a people that wishes to exercise its right to self – determination in an independent State.

### Mr. President,

It is a cause for serious concern that the decisions and resolutions of the Human Rights Council and its special session have not been implemented.

Finally, Islamic republic of Iran welcomes the progress made in the work

of the high – level commission of inquiry and its current visit to Lebanon. We look forward to receiving the report of the inquiry commission mainly on three areas of the systematic targeting and killings of civilians by Israel, the types of weapons used by Israel and the extent and deadly impact of Israeli attacks on human life, property, critical infrastructure and the environment of Lebanon.

Thank you