As an American concerned with human rights, I am responding to the Commission of Inquiry’s call for submissions regarding its unprecedented and open-ended investigation of alleged crimes by the State of Israel. My submission relates to “facts and circumstances regarding alleged violations of international humanitarian law and alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law leading to and since 13 April 2021.”

Please note that my submission in no way suggests that I believe that the Commission has legitimacy or that it is pursuing an unbiased inquiry. It is an illegitimate inquiry whose process is seriously flawed and strongly biased against Israel. The following article explains in detail why the actions of Israel in Gaza are fully supported by international law. On the other hand, it makes very clear that the callous disregard for civilian lives by Hamas violates both international law and human decency.

I submit this 14 June 2021 article by Samuel Estreicher and Julian Ku from *Verdict: Legal Analysis and Commentary:*

<https://verdict.justia.com/2021/06/14/hamas-not-israel-violated-international-humanitarian-law>

**Hamas, Not Israel, Violated International Humanitarian Law**

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