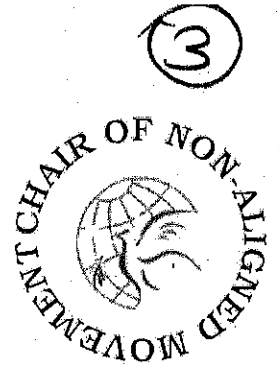




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On behalf of NAM
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I have the honour to address, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, this important session of the Human Rights Council on the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

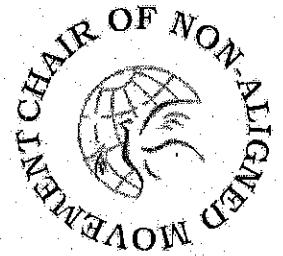
Mr. President,

NAM condemns, in the strongest term, the widespread, systematic and gross violations of basic principles of international law as a result of the Israel criminal military aggression, which caused massive human devastation with thousands of perished lives and injured, majority of them women and children, and widespread physical destruction. NAM also condemns Israeli measures in the Occupied Syrian Golan and emphasizes on the need to put an end the illegal occupation of the Syrian Golan.

The atrocities and horrific tragedy and massive destruction inflicted on the Palestinian people during last July and August, adds to a long list of grave breaches perpetrated by Israel in the past six decades, which include but are not limited to: occupation; aggression; collective



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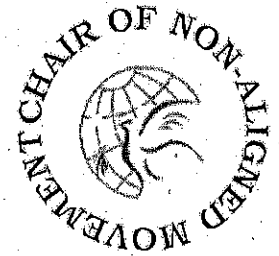
punishment; extrajudicial executions; use of excessive, indiscriminate and brutal force; state terror, confiscation and colonization of the Palestinian land with massive settlements, the Wall and transfer of hundreds of thousands of settlers; blockade; arbitrary detention and imprisonment of thousands of civilians, now numbering more than 6,000 Palestinians; use of torture and other internationally prohibited abuses against civilians; destruction of homes and forced displacement of civilians. Israel's prolonged occupation, also contains features of apartheid, such as the restriction of freedom of movement and other basic rights on grounds of nationality, religion and ethnicity, with dire adverse effects on the human rights of the Palestinian people.

Mr. President,

Undoubtedly, grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, such as wilful killing, torture, inhumane treatment and the extensive destruction and appropriation of property; constitute serious violations of Article 147 of the Fourth Geneva Convention including war crimes. In our opinion, the ongoing tragedy and injustice is mostly due to a culture of impunity in which the occupying power has systematically and wilfully perpetrated its violations over the years. Hence, we stressed the urgent need for the international community to uphold its duties and to act decisively to sustain international law, international humanitarian law and international human rights and to ensure accountability for any violation and address the issue of penal sanctions, as applicable. It is also essential that all States take concrete measures to fulfil their obligations, namely through the investigation and prosecution of all suspected war criminals.



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In this regard, NAM express support for the Commission of Inquiry established by Human Rights Council resolution A/HRC/RES/S-21/1 to investigate all violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem. To this end, NAM strongly calls on Israel, the Occupying Power, to fully cooperate with COI in fulfilling its mandate. The movement also reiterates its position on OPT particularly, the Critical situation in Gaza, as reflected in the Final declaration of the NAM Committee on Palestine as held at the Ministerial level, on 4 August 2014, in Tehran.

In closing, the Movement reiterates its unwavering support and solidarity to the Government and people of Palestine in these difficult times and urges the international community not to stand idly and to act to uphold international law, the fundamental basis of peace and stability in our world. We also underscore the need to continue providing political, economic and humanitarian support to assist the Palestinian people and to bolster their resilience and efforts aimed at achieving their legitimate national aspirations.

Thank you, Mr. President.

