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**Statement by Mr. Song Se Il, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of
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On the Agenda Item 31 :

***"Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices
Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of
the Occupied Territories"***

Mr. Chairman,

Taking the report of the special committee into consideration, the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea extends its support for and solidarity with the just cause of the Palestinian people and all Arabs for restoration of their infringed territories and self-determination.

The question of Palestine is, in substance, not only the fight of Palestinian people for restoration of their infringed territories, national determination and right to live but also an essential guarantee for peace in the Middle East.

The consecutive conflicts in Palestine and other Arab territories are not yet settled by the Israeli occupation, oppression and expansionism. This gives rise to a great international concern.

In order to end the Israeli occupation and to settle the questions corresponding to the willing and demand of the Arab people in the Middle East, it is essential to realize the legal right and requirement of the Palestinian people and all Arabs for restoration of the self-determination, human rights and lost territories of themselves.

It is a welcome thing that the withdrawal of Judaic settlements from some parts of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is proceeding under the international pressure.

My delegation urges this withdrawal to be leaded to the complete Israeli withdrawal from the whole occupied Arab territories.

Mr. Chairman,

Availing itself of this opportunity, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea repeats the extension of its full solidarity with, the struggle of the Palestinian people to fairly solve the question of Palestine according to the resolutions of the UN General Assembly and the international laws and to take back their legitimate national rights including rights of returning homeland and establishing independent state with Jerusalem as its capital, and the struggle of all Arab people for solution of the Middle East question.

I thank you.