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Mr. Chairman,

The right of self-determination is of significant importance to the international community in promoting and enhancing friendly relations among states and nations. It embodies the free will and aspirations of peoples to determine their own political status as well as their economic, social and cultural development. This is the general principle of self determination as enshrined in the Charter; the Human Rights Covenants, the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in Accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and confirmed most recently by the World Summit Outcome.

The same is true with respect to the right of self-determination in colonial situations, where peoples remain under alien domination or foreign occupation. Most importantly, such right in this context has been reaffirmed as a rule of customary international law and an *erga omnes* obligation in the case law at the regional and international level.

In addition, the Human Rights Committee underlined the importance of the realizing the right of self-determination as an essential condition for effective guarantee, observance, and promotion of human rights. Therefore, all States have an obligation to promote and facilitate its realization.

Mr. Chairman,

Against this background, it is alarming to note that the right of Palestinian peoples to self-determination is still being violated and denied by Israel. This was stressed by the International Court of Justice in its advisory opinion on the wall case. Jordan, therefore, calls on the Israeli government to fulfill its obligations in accordance with international law and all relevant United Nations resolutions so as the Palestinian people can freely exercise their right and establish their own sovereign state. This fulfillment as well an end to violence will lead to a just and lasting peace agreement in which the two-State solution can become a reality, and where Israel, as well as the whole region, enjoy peace and security.

I thank you