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ORAL STATEMENT  
INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON THE OCCUPIED  
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM AND IN ISRAEL

**ISRAEL/OPT: LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY MUST STOP**

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Mr. President,

We thank the Commission of Inquiry [on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel] for its first report. We welcome the report's findings and we applaud the Commission's commitment to working with judicial accountability mechanisms towards ensuring individual, State and corporate accountability. We urge all states to fully support the Commission's mandate, and engage with the substance of its report.

The weeks of violence preceding the Special Session that created this mandate did not happen in a void. The scale and seriousness of the violations [which we continue to document] in Israel and the OPT make it clear that the international community needs to urgently and drastically change its approach to international law in the region, and recognize the reality on the ground as that of a system and crime against humanity of apartheid.

March and April of this year saw the highest number of Palestinians and Israelis killed outside of armed hostilities in Israel and the OPT in any two months since 2008. Holding Israel accountable for [its widespread and systematic use of] unlawful killings, willful injury, arbitrary arrests, torture and other ill-treatment, persecution and collective punishment against Palestinians is the only way to stop this cycle of abuse. Impunity is also fuelling attacks by armed Palestinians against Israeli civilians who are going about their everyday life.

The Commission recommended that steps be taken to ensure that all people in Palestine and in Israel are able to enjoy all of their human rights equally and in full, without any discrimination. We fully support this call and are eager to see states take action on it.

Thank you.