

## **BADIL's Oral Statement,**

**UNHRC, 49<sup>th</sup>, Item #7 (25 March 2022):**

### **Practical and effective measures are necessary to fulfil the Rights of the Palestinian People**

Despite the submission of numerous reports, the adoption of dozens of resolutions, the investigations of various regular and special committees and commissions, and the extensive documentation of systemic and systematic human rights violations and multiple international crimes perpetuated by Israel, the human rights situation of the Palestinian people continues to steadily deteriorate.

Israel continues to enjoy international impunity for the crimes of forcible transfer,<sup>1</sup> annexation,<sup>2</sup> and policies and practices that amount to colonization and apartheid.<sup>3</sup>

This situation has not only led to the destruction of the most basic human rights identified by international treaties and conventions, but also the erosion of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, namely the right of self-determination and the right of return of Palestinian refugees and internally displaced persons.<sup>4</sup>

The international community, whether international bodies or individual states, has yet to implement practical and operative measures to hold Israel accountable and ensure the human and inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

BADIL calls on the UNHRC and its member states to fulfil their responsibilities by embracing both positive and negative practical measures to bring Israel into compliance with international law. This includes not only condemning Israel's wrongful acts, but more importantly ceasing any aid and assistance, imposing a military embargo, and exerting economic and diplomatic sanctions in line with Chapter VII of the UN Charter to bring Israel into compliance with its international responsibilities.

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<sup>1</sup> see BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, *Coercive Environments: Israel's Forcible Transfer of Palestinians in the Occupied Territory*, (Bethlehem: BADIL, 2017), available at: [https://badil.org/cached\\_uploads/view/2021/04/20/ft-coercive-environments-1618907680.pdf](https://badil.org/cached_uploads/view/2021/04/20/ft-coercive-environments-1618907680.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> See BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, *Creeping Annexation: A Pillar of the Zionist-Israeli Colonization of Mandatory Palestine*, working paper no. 25 (Bethlehem: BADIL, 2020), available at: [https://www.badil.org/cached\\_uploads/view/2021/04/19/wp25-creepingannexation-1618823962.pdf](https://www.badil.org/cached_uploads/view/2021/04/19/wp25-creepingannexation-1618823962.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> See BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, *The Nation State Law: The Culmination of 70 Years of Israeli Apartheid and Colonization*, Position Paper (Bethlehem: BADIL, 2018), available at: [https://www.badil.org/cached\\_uploads/view/2021/04/20/nationstatelaw-positionpaper-badil-oct2018-1618905362.pdf](https://www.badil.org/cached_uploads/view/2021/04/20/nationstatelaw-positionpaper-badil-oct2018-1618905362.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> UNGA, Question of Palestine, A/RES/3236(XXIX), 22 November 1974, available at: <https://unispal.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF/0/025974039ACFB171852560DE00548BBE>