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Oral Statement under Item 7:

Israeli Colonial-Apartheid Polices in the Jordan Valley Violate the Right to Self-Determination

Mr. Vice-President,

The Israeli colonial-apartheid regime's objective of forcibly displacing Palestinians and replacing them with colonizers is very clear in the case of the Jordan Valley. Israeli policies of land confiscation and denial of use, discriminatory zoning and planning, segregation, fragmentation and isolation, and denial of access to natural resources and services, alongside colonizer violence create a coercive environment that intentionally renders life unbearable, resulting in Palestinian displacement and transfer.

These policies constitute international crimes and a direct denial of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination. The international community's inability and unwillingness to hold Israel accountable enables the continuation of these crimes, facilitating further Palestinian displacement and reinforcing Israeli domination and impunity.

BADIL, therefore calls on the United Nations Human Rights Council and members states to:

1. Dismantle the Israeli colonial-apartheid regime by fulfilling their responsibilities and implementing sanctions and other practical measures to hold Israel accountable.
2. Allocate the necessary resources for updating the UN database of businesses linked to Israel's colonial enterprise in accordance with relevant resolutions.
3. Take immediate measures to halt Israeli policies and practices that result in the ongoing displacement of the Palestinian people, especially in the Jordan Valley.

Thank you.