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Oral Statement under Item 7

General Debate on the Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

Arms Embargoes and Sanctions are the Minimum Obligations of UN Member States

Full Statement:

As we approach one year of genocide in the Gaza Strip, Israel has extended its hostile and aggressive acts into Lebanon. Israel and its allies would have stopped the ongoing international crimes in Palestine and Lebanon if other states had acted in accordance with the UN Charter and the ICJ's provisional measures and Advisory Opinion to immediately impose arms embargoes and the full spectrum of sanctions:

- To halt Israel's genocide in the Gaza Strip, which includes the acts of willful killing, repeated mass forced displacement and transfer, deliberate starvation, the destruction of the healthcare system, and the deliberate infliction of disease.
- To stop Israel's policies of suppression and fragmentation in the West Bank that include raids, sieges, targeted killings, mass arbitrary arrests and detention, forcible displacement, land confiscation and wanton and willful destruction of homes and infrastructure.
- To end Israel's aggressive and hostile acts against Lebanon and its people, which includes mass killing, forcible displacement and destruction, and a wide range of threats to make Lebanon similar to Gaza.
- To protect Palestinian refugees and ensure that they receive the aid and services they are entitled to by enabling and safeguarding UNRWA's mandate, presence and operations, in all its areas of operation, especially in the Gaza Strip.
- To enforce the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and return, both of which are being denied by Israel's colonial-apartheid regime, with the complicity of its colonial allies

In other words, the crimes and atrocities being committed by Israel leave no justification, excuse or alternative for UN member states than to immediately impose arms embargoes and sanctions, as the minimum fulfillment of their obligations under international law.

Statement _____ as _____ read:
President

Because states have failed to adhere to their obligations in UN Charter and with the ICJ's provisional measures and Advisory Opinion, we are now approaching one year of genocide in the Gaza Strip and Israel has extended its hostile and aggressive acts into Lebanon.

- To halt Israel's genocide in the Gaza Strip, which includes willful killing, repeated mass forced displacement and transfer, deliberate starvation, the destruction of the healthcare system, the deliberate infliction of disease and the instalment of permanent military and buffer zones.
- To stop Israel's policies of suppression and fragmentation in the West Bank that include raids, sieges, targeted killings, mass arbitrary arrests and detention, forcible displacement, land confiscation and wanton and willful destruction of homes and infrastructure.
- To end Israel's aggressive and hostile acts against Lebanon and its people, which includes assassinations, mass killings, forcible displacement and destruction of property and infrastructure.
- To protect Palestinian refugees and ensure that they receive the aid and services they are entitled to and enable and safeguard UNRWA's mandate, presence and operations, especially in the Gaza Strip.

UN member states must immediately impose arms embargoes and sanctions, as the minimum fulfillment of their obligations under international law.

Thank you