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#### **Statement**

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#### Thank you Madam President,

We welcome the update of the High Commissioner's database.

We particularly commend the work of the COI, which has reaffirmed that the crime of genocide is taking place—an alarming conclusion that we had previously cautioned against months earlier.

The Commission's determination of dolus specialis—the specific intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a protected group—as evidenced by patterns of conduct and explicit statements by Israeli officials, constitutes a matter of utmost legal gravity under the Genocide Convention.

As recalled by the Commission, all States Parties bear the erga omnes obligation to prevent and to punish genocide, as well as to refrain from rendering aid or assistance to its commission. The prohibition of genocide is a peremptory norm of international law, and no State may disregard its binding force.

We therefore categorically condemn this genocide and any western complicity therein—whether political, military, economic or otherwise. We further endorse the findings of the Special Rapporteur and call for the immediate adoption of comprehensive sanctions against Israeli regime.

Genocide cannot be erased by silence; we will not surrender—our voice of justice shall endure.

Thank you.