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Statement

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Mr. President,

We note the updated OHCHR database. However, accountability should not stop at documentation. Those involved in this criminal enterprise which are protected and supported by genocidal regime of Israeli, must be held accountable. The United States and some European States must stop shielding Israeli regime and ensure that accountability applies without double standards.

Israel's genocidal campaign in Palestine shows no sign of stopping and the plight of the Palestinian people stands today as the most tragic manifestation of racial oppression in our time. Palestinians, including women and children, endure systematic discrimination and apartheid under policies that the ICJ has confirmed violate Article 3 of ICERD and constitute apartheid within the meaning of Article 2 of the Apartheid Convention.

The same pattern is unfolding in southern Lebanon through the systematic destruction of homes, agricultural land, water infrastructure and essential services, alongside measures preventing civilian return. Such conduct must be

examined under Article II(c) of the Genocide Convention as the deliberate infliction of conditions of life calculated to bring about the physical destruction of a protected group.

History will not forgive silence before such crimes.

Thank you.