



Oral Intervention: General Debate- Item 7
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Thank you Madam President,

The Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS) condemns Israel's systematic refusal to implement the recommendations of the report of the Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict, more than three years following Operational Cast Lead.

Moreover, the time line for domestic investigations conducted by Israel and the Hamas authority has expired and moving the process beyond domestic investigations has become imperative to ensure accountability for violations to international human rights and humanitarian law.

We thus reiterate the call on all concerned Parties to ensure the implementation of the report's recommendations. We particularly ask of this Council to request of the Secretary General to bring the mission's report to the attention of the Security Council under article 99. We additionally call on the Security Council to refer jurisdiction of the matter to the International Criminal Court to ensure accountability for alleged international crimes.

We further call on the President and Bureau of this Council, as well as UN member states to immediately seek clarification from the Israeli government as to if its unilateral declaration to "suspend its relationship with the Human Rights Council and OHCHR in both Geneva and Jerusalem" is understood to allow for non-cooperation by Israel with the HRC and its Special Procedures. If indeed this is the case then the issuing of this declaration would appear to be in direct conflict with Israel's obligations as a UN member state to cooperate with its main bodies, and should be recognized as invalid by relevant UN bodies and member states.

Finally, we call on this Council to request the SG to appoint a special envoy to investigate Israel's systematic refusal to cooperate with UN mechanisms and suggest ways of overcoming this lack of engagement and cooperation.

Thank you Madam President