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## **CIHRS & Human Rights Education in Palestine:**

### **A Visiting Delegation from Al Quds University & Community Action Center**

#### Press statement

In September the Geneva office of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS) hosted a student delegation from the Human Rights Clinic at Al Quds University & Community Action Center in Jerusalem (CAC) during an educational visit on the international human rights mechanisms and the UN Human Rights Council.

The delegation was composed of Dr. Munir Nusseibeh Director of the Human Rights Clinic & Community Action Center, Ms. Nada Awad Advocacy Officer at CAC, Ms. Nibal Kamal Administrative Officer at the Human Rights Clinic and four students of the Clinic and the Law Faculty of Al Quds University.

CIHRS facilitated the educational programme and visits. The selected delegation visited Geneva to observe the ongoing 33rd session of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC); to learn about the work of international human rights mechanisms in practice. The students were introduced to the work of civil society in Geneva and on this occasion met with the Director of CIHRS and held an open discussion on human rights issues in the region and current challenges facing Palestinian and regional human rights defenders. This was followed by an introduction on International Human Rights Mechanisms and the HRC by CIHRS UN advocacy staff.

It is key for CIHRS to enable civil society to earn the necessary tools to bring key human rights issues to international advocacy fora. Particularly in this context where Palestinians in illegally annexed East Jerusalem are targeted by Israel the Occupying power with various policies that directly breach International humanitarian law and international human rights law.

CIHRS' collaboration with the Human Rights Clinic and CAC on this training occurs as part of its capacity building activities. CIHRS conducts regular trainings on human rights and human rights advocacy with actors throughout the Middle East and North Africa, as a tool to support and strengthen national and local civil society in the region.