



Statement by **Ms. Julia Imene-Chanduru, Ambassador/Permanent Representative**,
at the 46th Session of the Human Rights Council, General Debate on Item 7, Human
Rights situation in Palestine and other Occupied Arab Territories, 17 March 2021

Thank you, Madame President,

1. Namibia aligns itself to the statements delivered on behalf of the African Group and NAM.
2. We take this opportunity to remind the Occupying Power about its obligations under international law. Namibia is deeply concerned about the discriminatory distribution of vaccines by the Occupying Power in the OPT. Israel has an obligation to protect the right to health of all Palestinians living under its illegal occupation. It is beyond our understanding why the Occupying Power is distributing vaccines to the illegal Israeli settlers while excluding millions of Palestinians living in the same territory, and thereby exposing them to death. Humanity also demands that the Occupying Power does the right thing and immediately cease with the vaccine discrimination.

Madam President,

3. The Occupying Power's practice of institutionalized discrimination and apartheid against the Palestinian people has persisted for far too long and Namibia, therefore, joins the voices who are calling for the restoration of the UN Special Committee on Apartheid in order to ensure the implementation of the Apartheid Convention to the Palestinian situation.
4. Namibia will continue to support the historic struggle of the people of Palestine to realize their right to self-determination and to live in peace and justice in accordance with the long-standing international consensus recognizing their right to a State on the basis of the borders of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital.
5. I thank you Madame President.