Civil society calls for the international community to impose sanctions on Israel

Madame President,

Israel has recently launched an eleven-day military offensive against the besieged Gaza Strip, the fourth major offensive in thirteen years. 187 Palestinian civilians were killed, including 66 children and 39 women.

Similar to previous offensives, Israel’s operations concentrated mostly on civilian neighborhoods with the aim of spreading fear and terror among civilians.

Several of Gaza’s landmark towers were leveled, including Al-Jalaa Tower, which housed international media offices such as Al-Jazeera and the Associated Press.

Residential buildings fell on top of residents due to the severity of the bombing. In Al-Wehda street, 44 civilians from Abo El-Ouf and Al-Kolak residential buildings were killed due to Israel’s disproportionate use of force.

Madame President,

Israel continues to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity against the Palestinian people without any form of accountability.

Its recent unlawful actions in Gaza can not be separated from the forced displacement of Palestinian families in Jerusalem or settlement building in the West Bank.

They all aim at maintaining its institutionalized regime of racial domination and oppression, which amounts to apartheid.
CIHRS calls on member states of the Human Rights Council to impose sanctions and counter measures to ensure that grave human rights violations do not go unpunished.

The silence of the international community will only encourage Israel to commit further violations.

Thank you.