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Israel continues to violate international law and contravene recommendations made in latest UN review

In contradiction with many recommendations made during its last Universal Periodic Review, Israel has increased its repressive policies towards civil society organizations. Israel's attacks against Palestinian civil society organizations, including the recent terrorist designations and closure of offices of six leading human rights organizations, are a direct threat to their critical work in documenting violations, seeking accountability, and providing essential services.

Furthermore, as was also highlighted in UPR reports by civil society, Israel's regime of racial discrimination and domination over the Palestinian people amounts to the crime of apartheid. In this respect, the government's systematic and increasingly harsh persecution of organizations and individuals opposing apartheid is a violation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid. Israel should be held accountable for these blatant violations of international law.

CIHRS strongly urges states to call on Israel, to revoke terrorist designations against civil society organizations,, repeal the Anti-Terrorism Law, cease practices that intimidate human rights defenders, reverse demographic manipulation policies, and repeal all legislation that perpetuates racial discrimination and oppression.

The time to tackle these critical issues is long overdue.

To that end, we encourage member states who are members of the charter of the ICC and the the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid to ensure it in now way aids or abets actions by Isreal that furthers its policies of racial discrimination and domination.

Moreover, and in light of the situation in Israel and Palestine, we urge UN member states to re-establish the UN Special Committee against Apartheid and UN Centre against Apartheid.

Thank you.