

Statement by
His Excellency Dr Asim Ahmed
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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the OIC and NAM.

We express our deep concerns over the continued violations of human rights of the Palestinian people by Israeli authorities. We are alarmed at the targeting of human rights defenders and the increase in the number of Palestinians, including children, that were killed or injured by Israeli forces in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Mr. President,

Maldives calls on Israel to comply with its international obligations and immediately halt the excessive use of force, settlement expansion, property destruction and exploitation of natural resources. The Maldives remains steadfast in its support to the Palestinian people and their right to self-determination. One thing is clear: occupation, violence, discrimination and hate cannot lead to peace – it will only perpetuate violence, hate and extremism. We call on the international community to redouble its efforts to address the plight of the Palestinian people. The Maldives reiterates our strong support to

agenda item 7 to continue to advocate for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, the Maldives reiterates its long-standing position for a sovereign and independent State of Palestine, based on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, where the people of Israel and Palestine live side by side in peace and security.

I thank you.