

**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran
on the implementation of the resolution S-3/1
High Level Fact Finding Mission for Beit Hanoun
Geneva, 22 March 2007**

In the Name of God

Mr. President,

My delegation associate itself with the statement made on behalf of the OIC. We appreciate Ms. Chinkin for her excellent report on the situation of the implementation of the Council resolution S-3/1. The 3rd Special Session of the Human Rights Council decided to dispatch an urgent Fact - Finding Mission headed by Archbishop Tutu to Beit Hanoun.

Here again the Council resolution remains unimplemented. The Fact – Finding Mission has not been able to undertake its mission. There has been serious and meaningful failure in cooperation on the part of the Israel, the occupying power, in the implementation of the decision adopted by the Human Rights Council. We take note of the challenges facing the High Level Mission to visit Bei hanoun.

We reiterate that the urgent implementation of the resolution adopted by the Special Session is imperative for the human rights situation of the Palestinian people to ameliorate as well as the credibility of the Council. The international community cannot stand by and remain silent at the daily humiliation suffered by all Palestinians.

Finally, as rightly indicated by Mrs. Chinkin, despite the passing of the time and the consequent possible losing of evidence, there is a need for Mission to visit Beit Hanoun, in order to fulfill the mandate given by the Council.

Thank You