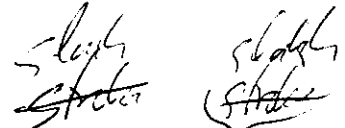


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Mr. President,

The EU remains concerned at the human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and has repeatedly reminded both sides of their responsibility to protect civilian lives.



As you know, the EU could not support resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1 as these failed to call upon both parties to cease violence or reflect all aspects of the situation.

Furthermore, as the sponsors know, we would have preferred a somewhat different formulation of draft resolution L 2.

But, for the EU the need for full cooperation with the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council is a matter of principle. Regardless of the country concerned.

The Council should be united on this.

I therefore propose to you, Mr. President, that you ask the Council to adopt L 2 without a vote.