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In the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including
East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the
Syrian Golan over their natural resources"**

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Mm. Chair

On behalf of the delegation of the United Arab Emirates, I would like to thank you for your efforts in chairing this committee, and wish you success.

Mm.Chair,

The recent International reports indicate that the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories continue to live in a humanitarian crisis which is not less than a human tragedy resulting from the continuing Israeli occupation of the Palestinian land, the hostile policies and war crimes committed against the Palestinian people by the Israeli occupying Israeli forces Israeli where its army continues its incursion into the Palestinian cities, killing civilians and randomly destroying their properties including houses, farm lands and the infra structure.

Israel, the occupying state, continues to control the borders and trade passages of these areas; restricting the movement of people and goods, and separating Palestinian lands; putting the cities under siege and isolating them from the outside world and the neighboring countries.

In a flagrant defiance and of the international legitimacy resolutions, and a in blatant violation to all international human laws and norms, Israel continues its expansionist policy persisting to construct the separation wall which the Israeli government decided to extend by extra 33 KM., consequently more Palestinian lands will be confiscated causing the displacement of more Arab populations and separating them from their essential natural resources.

Furthermore, Israel continues to confiscate Palestinian lands to construct more illegal settlements and military bases, besides leveling agricultural land , destroying crops and irrigation networks and imposing the

policies of closure blockade , leading to the isolation and displacement of thousands of individuals from their cities ; preventing them from reaching their work causing them to lose their main sources of income. In addition, Israel has been seizing water recourses and contaminating the Palestinian territories with refuse and wastes from the Israeli settlements, which jeopardize the safety of the environment and the Arab populations in it.

The economic and humanitarian conditions are growing worse leading to sharp raise in the rate of an unprecedented poverty and an increase in unemployment especially in Gaza Strip, due to the continued closure policies which are imposed on the strip and Israel's refusal to commit to the implementation of the agreement on transportation and passing made with the Palestinian in 2005.

Further more, Israel continues to confiscate lands in the occupied Syrian Golan and build more illegal settlements; seizing water resources in it; increasing measures to Judaizing the area and imposing a policy of discrimination and oppression against the Arab population.

Mm. Chair,

The UAE, reaffirms its solidarity with the Palestinian people and government, and supports their right to self determination and the establishment of their independent Palestinian state, with Alquds Asharif its capital where they live in it with dignity and prosperity. We are awaiting, with interest, the convening of the international peace conference for the Middle East and we hope that it will reach a permanent comprehensive and just settlement for the peace process in the area and an end to the Arab Israeli conflict on all tracks with the participation of all the parties involved according to a defined time frame aiming to reach a permanent comprehensive and just peace in the region.

We also urge the international community to take the necessary measures to compel Israel to implement all the international resolutions, which affirmed the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights to their natural resources, including lands and water, and which demand Israel to refrain from exploiting, endangering it or causing its depletion and to stop its aggression.

We further urge the United Nations, especially the Security Council, to compel Israel to stop its aggression against the Palestinian people and Arab populations and their properties, immediately ;to resume the peace negotiations according to the Arab Peace Initiative and the Road Map, both of which call for a comprehensive settlements freeze , dismantling of all outposts and the establishment of an independent contiguous viable Palestinian state with Alquds Asharif its capital; and to heed the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice which decided that the construction of the separating wall is unlawful and called for its dismantlement and the compensation to Palestinians for the losses they endured as a result of its construction. It is imperative that Arab populations in the occupied Arab territories should be compensated for all the losses they endured due to Israel aggression on people and properties and destruction of their natural resources and livelihood, in compliance with relevant international resolutions.

The UAE continues to support the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian people through extending grants and financial assistance. It has contributed in the reconstruction of what Israel has destroyed during the past years, by building residential cities, schools, mosques, universities and hospitals. In This regard, we call upon the international community, especially the influential countries, and relevant international financial

institutions to resume providing the necessary assistance to the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian people to enable them to meet their basic living requirements and build their economic and social institutions until a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement for the Middle East problem is reached.

Thank You Mm. Chair.