

Draft Resolution (8 November 2006)

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 446 (1979), 1322 (2000), 1397 (2002), 1402 (2002), 1403 (2002), 1405 (2002), 1435 (2002), 1515 (2003) and 1544 (2004),

Reaffirming the applicable rules and principles of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949,

Expressing its grave concern at the continued deterioration of the situation on the ground in the Palestinian Territory occupied by Israel since 1967, during the recent period, particularly as a result of the excessive and indiscriminate use of force by Israel, the occupying Power, which has caused extensive loss of civilian Palestinian life and injuries, including among children and women,

Condemning in particular the military assaults being carried out by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Gaza Strip, which has caused loss of life and extensive destruction of Palestinian property and vital infrastructure,

Condemning also the massacre that took place in Beit Hanoun on 8 November 2006,

1. *Demands* that Israel, the occupying Power, immediately cease its aggression against the Palestinian civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, immediately withdraw its forces from within the Gaza Strip to positions prior to 28 June 2006;
2. *Calls* for an immediate ceasefire between the Israeli and Palestinian side;
3. *Calls also* for the establishment and dispatch of a U.N. Observer force to supervise the ceasefire;
4. *Calls* for the establishment of a committee to investigate the massacre that took place in Beit Hanoun on 8 November 2006;
5. *Calls upon* Israel, the occupying Power, to scrupulously abide by its obligations and responsibilities under the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949,
6. *Emphasizes* the need to preserve the institutions of the Palestinian National Authority and Palestinian infrastructure and properties;
7. *Expresses grave concern* about the dire humanitarian situation of the Palestinian people and calls for the provision of emergency assistance to them;
8. *Calls upon* the international community, including the Quartet, to take immediate steps, including confidence-building measures between the parties, with the objective of resuming peace negotiations and restarting the peace process;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to report back to the Security Council on the implementation of this resolution in a timely manner;
10. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.