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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Naimun Ashakli Mohammed  
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**under agenda item 5: Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem  
and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory**

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Madam President,

Let me begin by associating myself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement; Azerbaijan, on behalf of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference; and Senegal, on behalf of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. My delegation endorses the statements delivered by the distinguished representative of Qatar, on behalf of the Group of Arab States; and by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

Madam President,

Malaysia strongly condemns the killings by Israel of defenseless Palestinian civilians in *Beit Hanoun* on 8 November 2006 and elsewhere in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Malaysia considers the deliberate and planned military aggression against the Palestinian people, which is characterized by excessive and indiscriminate use of force, as clearly reflecting Israel's continuous and blatant disregard for innocent human lives. In doing so, Israel, and its State terrorism apparatus, has repeatedly committed genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, which violate international law and numerous Security Council resolutions. Contrary to the arguments made by Israel, lasting peace can never be achieved if it continues to commit those acts under the pretext of combating terrorism.

We are compelled to meet here today as a result of the inability of the Security Council to take action on this issue. In this regard, Malaysia is extremely disappointed with the negative vote that was cast by the United States in the Security Council on 11 November 2006 on the draft resolution concerning the latest developments in Gaza. We believe that this action in effect has given Israel a *carte blanche* to continue to commit these atrocities with impunity, which in turn, is detrimental towards efforts to revive the stalled Middle East peace process. In contrast, we highly commend Security Council members that voted in favour of the text, cognisant of their Charter responsibility and which signify the importance that they attach to upholding international law and protecting the lives of innocent human beings.

Madam President,

My delegation continues to recognize the important role of the members of the diplomatic Quartet. The Road Map, which they had painstakingly drafted, had provided a real, though unfortunately, fleeting hope for peace. Three years have gone by since its existence. These have been filled with death, destruction and despair on both sides. Given the current situation on the ground and the steadily deteriorating overall situation in the region, it appears that the Road Map has been deliberately asphyxiated by Israel, clearly a power mightier than the Quartet members combined. Efforts to put the Road Map back on track have apparently been an exercise in futility. It would seem that putting Israel in the driver's seat has done nothing but to ensure that the Road Map has led nowhere.

My delegation shares the frustration of the international community, particularly Palestine and its Arab neighbours, at the lack of progress to find a solution to the conflict. We therefore call upon the international community to generate collectively a new approach towards the protracted Palestine-Israeli conflict, bearing in mind the need to resolve it in the larger framework of the Arab-Israeli conflict. In that connection, my delegation supports the call by the League of Arab States for a new Middle East peace conference. Malaysia is ready to contribute towards this process in order to achieve a lasting solution to the conflict. Further, this effort must place the UN at its core. Unlike its role in the Quartet, we believe that the UN should not merely play a subservient role in that envisaged process, bearing in mind its permanent responsibility in seeking to comprehensively resolve the question of Palestine in all its aspects.

Madam President,

While serious efforts to resuscitate the Middle East peace process are underway, my delegation reiterates that we must immediately establish an international mechanism to protect the civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, as called for in operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution before us. We believe that under the present circumstances of heightened tension, only the forcible separation of the two sides to the conflict would provide the necessary peace and security that would enable the resumption of negotiations aimed at a political settlement.

Let me conclude, Madam President, by appealing those States with influence in the Middle East to do their utmost in stopping violence from spiralling out of control and not to allow this conflict to remain unresolved indefinitely, for the sake of the Palestinians and Israelis alike, for the sake of peace and security in the region as well as humanity at large.

Thank you, Madam President.