Item 7. General Debate

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Al-Quds as Israel’s capital?

Mr. President,

The United States is violating international commitments by recognizing Al-Quds as Israel’s capital. All member states of the Four Geneva Conventions, including the United States, must guarantee Israel’s commitment to international humanitarian law as noted in those conventions, including articles 49 and 53 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, instead of themselves helping violation of those rules. Announcement of al-Quds as the capital of Israel will, in fact, confirm all violations, already committed by Israel, against international commitments of the United States.

Attention to decisions made by the United Nations Security Council and the General Assembly with regard to the issue of Palestine and Israel, in general, and relative to city of al-Quds, in particular, can provide a road map, which must be then followed by all members of the international community.

Mr. President,

As a human rights NGO, we call on all regional and international NGOs to join hands and pave the way for establishment of peace in the region and support the people of Palestine.

We, urge the States be fully committed to all decisions made on the issue of Palestine by the UN, especially the United Nations Security Council Resolution 478.