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Item 7: General Debate

Mr. President,

Violation of human rights and international commitments in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) are so blatant that to-date more than 150 resolutions have been adopted on OPT in the Human Rights Council, 70 by the UN General Assembly and 225 by the UN Security Council.¹ Most of these resolutions mention the continuation of illegal violation of the Palestinian’s human rights by the Israeli occupying forces. The resolutions also stress on the urgency to end the occupation and observing the refugee’s right to determine the destiny of the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem. In spite the large volume of condemnations of violations in the Occupied Territories, we have been witness trends towards the removal of Item 7 over the last few years.

Considering the disregard to the demands of the international community, while expressing concern over the human rights situation of Palestinians, ODVV:

1 – Calls on the international community and NGOs, to treat Israel as an occupying power that violates international instruments and law.

2 – Calls on the international community and international organizations to deal with this issue away from political and bureaucratic considerations and in order to protect the human rights of Palestinians and seriously continuous to support item 7 so that the situation of OPT is not forgotten.

3 – Calls on Israel to observe its commitments of an occupying power in OPT and stop its policies that violate international law in the Occupied Territories.

¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_Nations_resolutions_concerning_Israel