

Item 7: Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

**ID with SR on OPT
Israeli Settlement in the Palestinian Occupied Territories**

Mr President,

After years of the occupation of Palestinian territories by Israel, numerous resolutions and actions have been implemented by the United Nations to stop humanitarian calamities and halt in the settlements construction by Israel. The unlawful settlements in the Palestinian territories continues has been a major problem for the peace in the region and it have put obstacles in the way of peace talks for years.

Since its founding, Israel has continually violated international law including the Hague regulations of 1899 and 1907, the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and the Additional Protocol of 1977, also customary international law, Security Council resolutions and international court decisions.

Mr President,

In line with the recent resolution of Security Council, i.e. resolution number 2334, ODVV reaffirms that the Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant violation under international law and a major obstacle to the achievement of comprehensive peace in the region.

ODVV calls upon the international community to support the halt of Israeli settlement building in the Palestinian Territories.

We also ask the Special Reporter to take immediate steps to prevent all acts of violence against civilians, including acts of terror, as well as all acts of provocation and destruction.

The Israeli-Palestinian issue is not just a regional conflict, but it is an international subject to which the whole international community is involved with, and is a threat against international peace and security.