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I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

 **Mr. President,**

Over the decades, the NAM position concerning the issue of occupied Palestine and violation of fundamental rights of the Palestinian people has been crystal clear. Now after such a long time, it is high time for international community to put an end the abhorrent Israeli occupation and impunity that has brought so much suffering, so many crises, sown so much instability and anger throughout the Middle East, and has resulted to the most serious threat to regional and global peace and security.

 **Mr. President,**

As the international community continue to be failed to hold Israel accountable, the situation in the occupied State of Palestine endures to be deteriorated at an alarming rate as a result of Israel’s crimes and violations, which include but are not limited to: occupation; aggression; collective punishment; extrajudicial executions; use of excessive, indiscriminate and brutal force; state terror; blockade; arbitrary detention and imprisonment of thousands of civilians including children; use of torture and other internationally prohibited abuses against civilians; destruction of homes and forced displacement of civilians which contains vivid features of apartheid.

The humanitarian disaster, deliberately inflicted on the Palestinian people especially in the Gaza Strip by the occupying Power, remains without redress. Since the Israeli military aggression in 2014, nearly 100,000 Palestinians remain displaced and homeless as the illegal Israeli blockade continues to obstruct the reconstruction of the thousands of damaged and destroyed homes; and socio-economic conditions continue to deteriorate as Gaza continues to be suffocated by the blockade and isolated from the rest of Palestine and the entire world.

**Mr. President,**

NAM strongly believes that Israel’s ongoing illegal colonization of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, must be condemned and the international community should act to address this violation as a most urgent matter.

Undoubtedly, the deliberate and systematic confiscation and de facto annexation of Palestinian land and other Arab territories, including occupied Syrian Golan, is a grave breach of the Article 147 of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Hence, we stress the urgent need for the international community to instinctively uphold its duties and to act decisively to sustain international humanitarian law and international human rights and to ensure accountability for any violation and address the issue of penal sanctions, as applicable.

Finally, with regard to the occupied Syrian Golan, the Movement condemns all the measures taken by Israel, the occupying Power, to alter the legal, physical and demographic status of the occupied Golan, which have intensified after the outbreak of Syrian crisis and necessitate putting an immediate end to the illegal occupation of the Syrian Golan.

**Thank you.**

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