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Statement by Bangladesh on Israeli attacks in Gaza

Thank you Mr. President for the resumption of the Tenth Emergency and Special Session on "Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory." Given the grave humanitarian catastrophes incrementally and brutally being perpetrated by the Israeli Military Forces in the Gaza Strip, my delegation considers this session most timely and attaches great importance to it. We commend you Mr. President for your comprehensive statement, made in this house this morning.

Bangladesh delegation aligns itself with the statements made by OIC and NAM. In addition, we would like to highlight following points:

Mr. President:

Bangladesh strongly condemns the ongoing indiscriminate Israeli attacks in Gaza that is now entering into its 4th week. We are appalled by the scale of devastation and the deaths of innocent Palestinians including women and children caused by massive military attacks. The death toll has crossed 1000; thousands other are inflicted with severe injuries, mostly civilians. It is painfully reported that Gaza is running out of places to bury the dead. Killings of innocent Palestinian civilians are totally unacceptable under any excuse. Economic costs of the damage are billions.

Mr. President:

We can not and must not tolerate the unabated violation of international humanitarian law and international human rights law by the Israeli occupying forces. It is disconcerting to see that even the humanitarian workers are being killed by the Israeli attacks. We are utterly disturbed to learn that the universal symbol of unity and peace "the UN compound" is not safe from occupying forces. We strongly condemn these heinous actions of the Israeli government which are blatant violations of international law.

Mr. President:

Bangladesh calls for immediate halt of the Israeli attacks causing innumerable civilian deaths and massive destruction of infrastructures in the Occupied Territory. Israel must comply with the Security Council resolution 1860 adopted on 8th of January that called for an "immediate, durable and fully respected ceasefire, leading to full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza." The United Nations, in particular Security Council, must undertake the necessary measures to ensure full and effective implementation of the resolution 1860 immediately. Boarder crossing should be opened forthwith for free cross-boarder movement of persons and goods. Humanitarian workers must be guaranteed full and secured access to the Palestinian population who are in dire need of food, medicine, water, electricity and shelter, forthwith.

Mr. President:

Bangladesh reiterates its long-standing position that the continued occupation of Palestine by Israel is the root cause of violence, unrest and destabilization in the region. The people of Palestine are being denied of their fundamental right to self determination and the right to live freely in their own land. Millions of Palestinians are living in refugee camps, for generations, in abject poverty. We believe establishment of an independent Palestinian State with Jerusalem its capital is the only sustainable solution to this lasting conflict.

Mr. President:

We welcome the draft resolution A/ES-10/L.21 and strongly urge for its full implementation.

I thank you Mr. President.