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**Statement by Mr. SONG SE IL, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of
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On the Agenda Item 32 :

***"Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices
Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of
the Occupied Territories"***

Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea accepts positively the report of the special committee and appreciates the effort and success of the committee's work.

The Palestinian people's struggle is a just cause to restore their infringed territory and self-determination. And the question on Palestine is not only of Palestine, but an regional and international question linked directly with realization of peace in Middle East.

However, the Palestinian people's desire for decades has not yet been materialized, due to the obstructive maneuvers of Israel and the forces who back it in the political and military way.

Israel continues to do military attack against Palestine and violate the human rights of Palestinian refugees. The continued conflicts of arms between them and the aggravated humanitarian situation of Palestinian refugees gives, as before, rise to a great international concern.

The international measures for fair and peaceful settlement of the questions on Palestine and Middle East have been made, but not applied in successful practice by the expansionism and obstructive maneuvers of the occupying power.

What is worse, some countries are intending to remove the items on Middle East from the UNGA agenda under the pretext of UN reform, for the impure purpose of handling the questions on Palestine and Middle East in accordance with their own interest. Such action could never be justified because it is an opposition to the common demand of the international community to settle the questions in accordance with the interest of Palestinian and Arab people.

Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is of the clear view that the questions on Palestine and Middle East should be fairly settled in strict accordance with the resolutions of the UNGA adopted by the member states for decades and the international laws.

And availing itself of this opportunity, the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea repeats the extension of its firm solidarity with the just cause of Palestinian people to take back their legitimate national rights and the struggle of Arab people for fair solution of the Middle East question.

I thank you.