Ambassador Haley Expresses Concern on Biased “Accountability” Report from UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Ambassador Nikki Haley expressed concern about a report released yesterday by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on “Ensuring accountability and justice for all violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.”

“This report is just the latest example of the Human Rights Council singling out Israel rather than focusing on the world’s actual human rights abusers. Not only does it undermine the credibility of the Human Rights Council on human rights issues, but it once again highlights the unfair bias of the UN when it comes to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict,” Ambassador Haley said.

Rather than providing an impartial and informative update on human rights violations, the report reeks of the anti-Israel bias that Ambassador Haley has been calling out since day one on the job, most recently in Geneva last week. The report recommends that the UN General Assembly—through the Human Rights Council—ask the International Court of Justice to issue yet another advisory opinion focused on Israel, a move that is completely out of the purview of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Among other one-sided conclusions in the report, terror attacks by Hamas and other violent groups are brushed over, instead choosing to fixate on matters like the human rights practices of companies in the region.

It’s actions like these that are forcing us to evaluate the United States’ future on the Human Rights Council. The Council, and indeed the entire United Nations, were founded on the principles of equality and fairness. This report once again fails that mission.