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Report of the Special Rapporteur Mr Richard Falk On the situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian occupied territories, since 1967

Statement made by H.E M.Mohamed-Siad Douale, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Republic of Djibouti , 10 June 2013

My delegation aligns itself with the statements made on behalf of OIC, the Arab Group and the NAM.

Djibouti would like to extend a warm welcome to the Special Rapporteur M. Richard Falk and express its gratitude for the presentation of his report in which he addresses among other issues , Israel’s operation “ Pillar of Defense” and the general human rights situation in the Gaza Strip, as well as the expansion of Israeli settlements.

We are deeply concerned about the failure of the Government of Israel to cooperate in the implementation of this mandate and call on the Council to urge the Government of Israel to allow the Special Rapporteur to undertake his most important work.

We are equally disturbed by the findings of this Special Rapporteur during his visits to targeted areas and meetings with families adversely affected by “Pillar of Defense”.

It is particularly worrisome to note that several damaged structures were situated in clearly demarcated areas, a fact which buttresses the view that Israel made have aimed at collective punishments of Palestinians.

Mr. President,

The continued deteriorating situation in Gaza as described in the report further compounds existing appalling social and economic conditions in one of the most crowded places in the world and which have now endured six years of blockade.

In the most recent report, the UN Country Team on the future of gaze states that a residents will be required to “strengthen the ongoing herculean efforts to ensure that Gaza is even a livable place by 2020 “

We reiterate our call on Council to urge Israel to lift its blockade, dismantle its illegal settlements and withdraw from Palestinian territories.

Finally, we value very much the recommendations contained in the report and hope Council will give it its utmost attention.

Thank you Mr. President.

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