

Statement by the Ambassador and representative of the Republic Djibouti

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On the occasion of interactive dialogue on Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

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Mr. President,

At the outset, Djibouti aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Arab league, African Group and OIC group.

We would like to seize this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to the Secretary General for the submission of this report to the human rights council on the human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories including East Jerusalem. Our gratitude also goes to the office of High Commissioner and other United Nations entities in the OPT.

Though this report does not provide a comprehensive account of all human rights concerns in the occupied Palestinian territories, it does offer sufficient information that international community should act upon. A reflection on the numbers(total of 1549 civilian Palestinians were killed amongst which were 306 women and 539 children) of casualties and death in particular women and children gives us an indication of the serious deterioration of the situation and wide spread violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

A collective action by the international community with the Human Rights council playing a central role is urgently required to unlock this cycle of violations, senseless violence and impunity. This would entail as reflected in the report a serious effort to help address past, present and future violations of human rights conventions.

Thank you all for your attention.