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**Written statement ^{*} submitted by the Bahrain Women Association (BWA),
a non-governmental organization in special consultative status**

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Israel Human Rights Violation in Gaza

Bahrain Women Association - for Human Development, an NGO in kingdom of Bahrain would like through this statement to call upon the Members of the UN Human Rights Counsel to recognize the violations that took place in Gaza and its sorrowful implications. The Association expresses its deepest concern about the situation in Gaza, which had witnessed numerous drastic violations on human rights.

Israel itself has signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Geneva Convention, yet, it continues to exercise the most massive and violent forms of violation. In Gaza war, Israel applied discrimination, killing, starving, frightening, and many other forms of human right violation on civilians. Women and children continue to be the most affected in Gaza.

The whole world has viewed Israel's deadly aggression over Gaza. Women and children were killed, permanently disabled, starved, saw the destruction of their home, death of their parents or caregivers and much more. This is not to mention the emotional and psychological effects, these invisible wounds, which would haunt the entire Palestinian generation.

Israel has violated international laws and conventions and continued its massacres in the Gaza Strip. Homes, schools and even hospitals were repeatedly attacked by Israel and justified by "self-defense"! We ask the UN Human Rights Counsel to deal with Israel as a country that is violating basic human rights and apply on Israel what implies on such countries.

Finally, the Association also asks the UN Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, who has demanded full investigation and explanation regarding the recent attacks by Israeli forces on UNERWA schools, staff and property in Gaza, to extend his demand for a comprehensive international investigation that looks at all the human right violations happened in Gaza.
