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Written statement* submitted by International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights, 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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The continuous Israeli violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

The Israeli occupying forces continue to practice and commit grave violations in the occupied Palestinian territories against the indigenous peoples of the land, and clearly, these practices and behaviors amount to described war crimes that need to break the international silence in this regard.

Returning to the United Nations statistics on the crimes of the Israeli occupation in May 2021, we find shocking figures that call for a review of the human rights, political and humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In addition, there is a crucial need to figure out how it can be dealt with internationally in violation of international humanitarian law, the International Covenants on Human Rights, and all international laws and legislation.

In May last year, Israeli occupying forces launched dozens of raids that left 260 Palestinian victims, including 66 children. In addition, according to Palestinian Ministry of Health statistics, 1948 persons and 610 children were injured due to the continuous Israeli aggression on the Palestinian territories. Actually, it is a matter of concern that three Israeli incursions have killed 62 Palestinian civilians on civilian targets without clear military targets in the vicinity of various Palestinian areas. In Gaza, Israeli forces carried out attacks that destroyed entire families without any military objective near them.

The continued hostile practices of the Israeli authorities without any serious desire for accountability underscore the importance of the International Criminal Court's investigative action in coordination with the relevant United Nations mechanisms.

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights note that the hostilities committed by Israeli forces are no different from their predecessors in 2008, 2012, 2014, 2018, and 2019, among others. This is no different from what the Israeli forces committed during the current year. Israel's occupation repeated the aggression against the Gaza Strip and various Palestinian cities and villages, without any deterrence or accountability. It should be noted that thousands of victims were killed, wounded, and captured as a result of this attack.

On the other hand, Israel's attempts to Judaize the Palestinian territories and occupy more areas that are originally outside the authority of its authorities have continued. It has also consistently sought to promote settlement progress and to build more settlements for Jews at the expense of the Palestinian people, who own the original land. Here we stop at the desperate attempts by the Israeli occupation to expel the residents of the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of Al Quds, and to remove them from their homes at gunpoint, in full view of the world, without any international attempts to prevent these gross violations of human rights.

Israel's practices did not stop there, but Israel pursued through its Government, army and settlers the policies and practices that we consider to be truly crimes against humanity, namely apartheid and persecution of the human person in the Palestinian territories.

The Israeli authorities continue to ignore the issue of addressing gross violations of human rights committed by their forces and to turn a blind eye to the racist practices that led Human Rights Watch to declare it a racist State.

Today, voices from around the world continue to mourn the free speech of journalist Shirin Abu Akleh, who was killed in cold blood by occupation soldiers on 11 May 2022. This crime was one of the most heinous crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against human beings, information and freedom of opinion and expression. Shirin, "51 years", had been shot and killed while covering an Israeli military incursion in the city of Jenin in the occupied West Bank. In addition to the demands and appeals that have escalated from around the world, the United Nations Security Council issued a statement on 13 May 2022 demanding that its members "thoroughly, promptly, transparently and fairly investigate the killing and emphasize the need to hold those responsible accountable".

The International Council Supporting the Fair Trial and Human Rights recalls the importance of promoting accountability and justice for victims. It also calls on the Member States to

pressure the Israeli Government to stop discriminatory treatment of Palestinians and to stop all crimes and violations committed against them.

The International Council also calls on the Member States of the Human Rights Council and the international system to pressure the Israeli Government to abide by the resolutions of international legitimacy relating to the two-State settlement and the equity of the Palestinian people, who possess the original land.

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights affirms that such criminal and racist practices will truly be the beginning of the collapse of the State of Israel and the restoration of the Palestinian people's rights and sacred life and the historical Palestinian land
