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**LA SITUATION DES DROITS DE L'HOMME EN PALESTINE  
ET DANS LES AUTRES TERRITOIRES ARABES OCCUPÉS**

**Note verbale datée du 6 mars 2008, adressée au secrétariat du Conseil  
des droits de l'homme par la Mission permanente de Cuba  
auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève**

La Mission permanente de Cuba auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève et des autres organisations internationales ayant leur siège en Suisse présente ses compliments au secrétariat du Conseil des droits de l'homme et a l'honneur de lui faire tenir ci-joint le texte de la Déclaration<sup>\*</sup>, diffusée le 29 février 2008 par le bureau de coordination du Mouvement des pays non alignés à New York, au sujet de la situation dans les territoires palestiniens occupés, y compris à Jérusalem-Est.

Soulignant la profonde préoccupation du Mouvement des pays non alignés face à la dégradation de la situation dans les territoires palestiniens occupés, y compris à Jérusalem-Est, causée par les actes illégaux d'agression commis par Israël, puissance occupante, la Mission permanente de Cuba a l'honneur de demander que la présente note verbale et son annexe soient distribuées en tant que document officiel de la septième session ordinaire du Conseil des droits de l'homme, au titre du point 7 de l'ordre du jour.

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\* L'annexe est reproduite telle qu'elle a été reçue, dans la langue originale.

Annexe

**STATEMENT BY THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM**

The Members of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) express their grave concern over the Israeli aggressive escalation against the Palestinian people and the serious deterioration of the situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in the Gaza Strip.

The Members of the Non-Aligned Movement strongly condemn the continuing military assaults by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip, which, since the beginning of the month of February, have resulted in the killing of 76 Palestinians, including 13 children. Such violent and illegal actions have deepened the suffering of innocent and defenceless Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, who are already greatly suffering from continued imposition of the crippling Israeli siege and the ensuing humanitarian crisis. Moreover, this violent military escalation by Israel constitutes a grave breach of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, fuels the cycle of violence and threatens international peace and security as well as the fragile peace process between the two sides.

NAM calls upon the international community, especially the Security Council, to uphold international law and its responsibilities and to act urgently to address this growing crisis. Israel, the occupying Power, is called upon to immediately cease its violations and to abide by all of its obligations under international law and relevant United Nations resolutions as the occupying Power in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

NAM reaffirms its support for and solidarity with the Palestinian people during this critical period. Moreover, NAM reaffirms its long-standing principled positions calling, *inter alia*, for an end to the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian and other Arab lands occupied since 1967, the realization of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the establishment of their independent State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital. NAM expresses the hope that the current dangerous deterioration of the situation will be halted and that positive developments on the ground will be generated to help advance the peace process towards the achievement of these goals and a just, lasting and comprehensive peace.

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