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Identical letters dated 17 May 2021 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I write to you today to draw your attention to an urgent letter sent today by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine, Riad Malki, to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Virginia Gamba, regarding the grave and systematic human rights violations being perpetrated by Israel, the occupying Power, against Palestinian children in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and particularly at this time in the Gaza Strip, and stressing the imperative for serious efforts to uphold international humanitarian and human rights law and urgently ensure protection to Palestinian children and the rest of the Palestinian civilian population that continues to suffer grievously under this illegal occupation.

We reiterate our continuous calls upon the Security Council to uphold its duties under the Charter of the United Nations and to act with urgency and responsibility to stop this Israeli onslaught, which continues to claim and destroy human lives and to threaten international peace and security. Some 198 Palestinians, including 58 children and 35 women, in Gaza have already been killed by the Israeli occupying forces since this aggression began on 10 May, with the majority of children under 10 years old, and more than 1,300 have been injured, many critically wounded.

We appeal to the General Assembly also to convene urgently to address this crisis, in line with its mandate under the Charter and its resolutions relevant to the Palestine question, as we collectively seek to uphold international law to bring a halt to this Israeli military aggression in order to save the lives of innocent civilians, especially the most vulnerable children and women.

The present letter is in follow-up to our 718 letters regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which constitutes the territory of the State of Palestine. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 ([A/55/432-S/2000/921](#)) to 15 May 2021 ([A/ES-10/864-S/2021/471](#)) constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the



Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations being committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter circulated as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyadh **Mansour**

Minister

Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations
