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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

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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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We hear it again and again; the security fence, the security barrier...We mean the apartheid wall, which is under construction by the fanatic Zionist forces in Palestine. It is a clear evidence of the fascist and racist policies we have been fighting against all over the world. It is time to seriously consider the suspension of Israel from the United Nations as was done in the case of South Africa.

Can't we see a simple fact, that building such a dividing wall is a clear-cut proof that Zionism is a form of racism, as it was described by the annulled United Nations resolution 3379? The annulment of that resolution will never change the nature, the real essence of Zionism. It will always be the same. The so-called Security Fence Barrier is a shameful crime and one that will label Zionism forever.

Mr. Sharon says that this fence is for Israelis' security??!! So is his tanks, warplanes, and bulldozers, which shred the bodies of Palestinian children, demolish their homes, and destroy their crops and olive trees...Are those barbaric acts and crimes committed for the security of Israel too?

The so called security fence will harm not only Palestinians, but also Israelis and isolate them, and this is what Zionism wants. They want to isolate Jews from the rest of the people. We all know that a considerable percentage of Israelis that believe in the Torah/Hebrew Bible and its teachings, denounce Sharon and his devilish and racist plans. The human race and human rights organizations should protect Israelis from Sharon's foolish adventures. The majority of Palestinian Resistance Organizations do distinguish between Jews and Zionists when they defend their land and existence. Freedom fighters are obligated to protect civilians regardless of their creed or race.

Unfortunately, the international community and its agencies have closed their eyes and covered their ears to avoid criticizing such inhumanity of man to man. It is very sad and painful to see the world standing helpless and motionless against Sharon's crimes, as if Sharon and his gang are above international laws!!!

It is puzzling to know that Israel possesses all kinds of Weapons of Mass Destruction (chemical, biological and nuclear), the Israeli stock of Weapons of Mass Destruction is enough to destroy half of our planet...However, Israel is untouchable and not reproachable because of the unconditional support of the United States of America. While suspicion, and only suspicion, of having any kind of Weapons of Mass Destruction by any country of the region, is a license for aggression, a license to use cluster bombs against civilians, to destroy the country's infrastructure, to invade it, to occupy it and control its natural resources, especially oil. More than ever, the preemptive strike policy is threatening Syria, Lebanon, Iran and other Arab countries with the same destiny...

Israel, which possesses all kinds of Weapons of Mass Destruction, refuses to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to inspect its nuclear facilities and refuses to sign the Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) and more...much more of the same acting in defiance as the exception to the rule. In spite of such flagrant deviations, Israel remains above the law and ignores the rest of the world because of the blind and unconditional support of the American Administration, which plays the Devil's Advocate by saying that Israel could be trusted with its Weapons of Mass Destruction, unlike Iran and Arab countries, which may misuse such a dangerous weapon!!!

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We appeal to the conscience of the participants meeting here today, and ask for their help and input to solve this riddle: Israel, which occupies other people's land, violates international law, ignores all United Nations resolutions, shows no regard whatsoever to public opinion or the international community, is a State that supposedly can be trusted to have Weapons of Mass Destruction while others cannot!!! Even those who lost their sense of logic and direction cannot justify this sort of twisted reasoning. But how can we be really surprised after hearing Bush Jr., the head of the world's superpower who received and met with Sharon more than five times, bestows on him the title of Man of Peace!!!!!!!

We are sure nongovernmental organizations and the members of the Commission on Human Rights will stand firm against this racist apartheid wall and against the double standard when dealing with Israel, because they violate all of the principles humanity has fought hard to uphold.

Nongovernmental organizations will stand steadfast, as they did in Durban, to isolate the powers of evil and expose their nature. It is the only way to realign their misguided path and bring it in line with the course chosen by the rest of humanity.

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