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Statement by Loureen Sayej, Third Secretary, before 77th General Assembly Meeting of the Sixth Committee on Agenda Item 78: Crime Against Humanity (Cluster IV):

Mr. Chair,

On the peaceful settlements of disputes, the State of Palestine reaffirms its consistent position and longstanding adherence to all peaceful, political, legal, and diplomatic means for peaceful settlement of dispute. We welcome the inclusion of Article 15 on settlement of disputes and the choice of States Parties to turn, if negotiations fail, to the ICJ to resolve their disputes.

We commend the work of the ICJ in peaceful settlement of disputes. Despite the tremendous challenges, the decisions of the ICJ have proven their centrality to the peaceful settlement of disputes. Both prevention and conflict resolution command giving the greater possible role to the ICJ in enforcing and promoting international law, not least to the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity.