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Identical letters dated 28 November 2022 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 once again to draw urgent attention to the ongoing and escalating aggression being perpetrated by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people in grave breach of international law.

As we solemnly and painfully mark the passage of 75 years since the decision by the General Assembly to partition Palestine with its adoption of resolution 181 (II) on 29 November 1947, we reiterate our appeals to the international community to bring an end to this injustice. It is past time for all States to uphold their international legal, political and moral responsibilities, to act resolutely to confront the ramifications of that fateful decision, including through measures of accountability, and to tangibly promote the realization of justice and peace.

In the absence of such action, innocent lives will continue to be destroyed, with generation after generation of Palestinians enduring dispossession, displacement, trauma and torment as Israel, the occupying Power, continues its decades-long denial and violation of their human rights, not least their right to self-determination and freedom.

It is time for the international community to send a strong message that it will no longer tolerate such contempt for international law and that it demands respect for the law and for human rights in all circumstances without exception. The election in Israel of several extremist, fascist, supremacist and violent politicians, who openly threaten and incite against the Palestinian people, makes it even more urgent to send a clear message that it will be held accountable for its blatant impunity. Without such pressure, it is clear, as evident from the reality on the ground, that Israel will not change course and will continue its aggressions and persecution against our people.

As the Security Council remains paralysed, unable to implement its resolutions, including to ensure the protection of the Palestinian people, more civilians, including children, are losing their lives to this craven colonial apartheid occupation with more than 200 Palestinians, among them many children, killed since the start of this year.



The most recent victims of attacks by Israeli occupying forces have included the following:

2 November. 54-year-old Haves Abdelhafeez Rayyan was shot and killed by Israeli occupying forces near a military checkpoint at the entrance of the village of Beit Ur.

5 November. 18-year-old Musab Mohammed Nafal was shot in the heart and killed by Israeli occupying forces near the town of Sinjil.

9 November. A 15-year-old boy, Mahdi Hasash, was killed by Israeli occupying forces after being shot by soldiers in yet another raid on Nablus. Israeli occupying forces shot and killed Rafat Ali Ayyash, aged 29, near the annexation wall adjacent to the city of Janin.

15 November. 15-year-old Fulla Masalma, an autistic girl, was shot and killed by Israeli occupying forces as she was on her way to celebrate her birthday when soldiers fired upon the car that she was riding in near Beytunya, west of Ramallah.

21 November. 18-year-old Mahmoud Saadi was shot and killed by Israeli occupying forces in Janin.

22 November. A 16-year-old boy, Ahmed Amjad Shehadeh, was shot in the heart and killed by Israeli occupying forces in Nablus. 22-year old Mohammed Hisham Abu Kosk died after being shot by Israeli occupying forces in a raid on Nablus.

Hundreds of other Palestinian civilians have been injured in these raids and other attacks, including by Israeli settlers who have escalated their rampages through Palestinian cities and villages, clearly emboldened by the outcome of the recent Israeli elections in which several extremist, fascist and supremacist politicians prevailed. Settler attacks on Palestinians have continued in the neighbourhoods of Jerusalem and particularly in Al-Khalil (Hebron), where 800 fanatic and extremist settlers have intensified their intimidation of and assaults on Palestinians with the complicity of the Israeli occupying forces, terrorizing the 200,000 residents of the city and destroying property, including merchant stalls and homes. In addition, settler gangs continue to harass and attack Palestinian farmers, including women, during this olive harvest season.

Although injuries are not often dwelled upon beyond statistical documentation, the fact is that, behind the numbers of Palestinians injured, there are many who have been gravely traumatized and permanently disabled and some who succumb to their wounds even months later. Among them is a young man, Mohammad Herzallah, aged 30, who died on 24 November after months of suffering and trauma from severe head injuries sustained on 24 July, when he was shot by Israeli soldiers in a raid on the old city of Nablus.

Also among them is 31-year-old Abdeljabbar Saqf al-Hait, newly wed last year, who was on his way to dinner with his wife and sister when he was shot by Israeli occupying forces on 25 October in Nablus. Abdeljabbar was shot in the face with an explosive bullet that resulted in the loss of an eye, leaving him with a lifelong injury, disability and trauma. He and his family constitute just one example among thousands and thousands of Palestinians who have suffered this same harrowing fate.

Israel also persists with its attacks on Palestinian schoolchildren and university students and its demolition of educational facilities, in violation of international law and the Safe Schools Declaration. This month has witnessed repeated raids of schools in villages near Nablus and Bethlehem; an attack on Palestine Technical University in Tulkarm, where many were injured by the Israeli occupying forces; and the daily harassment and intimidation of students on their way to and from school by Israeli occupying forces and settlers. In this regard, on 23 November, Israeli occupying forces destroyed yet another school, the Isfey school in Masafer Yatta, which had been

donated as a humanitarian project, depriving already-vulnerable children of access to education, in flagrant violation of their human rights.

In the face of such unrelenting aggression against the Palestinian civilian population, we once again call for immediate measures to protect the Palestinian people from the brutality of the Israeli occupying army, including the settler militias. Moreover, we reiterate our calls for the pursuit of accountability for all of the war crimes that are being perpetrated against our people. Accountability actions are also a means of protection and a tangible deterrent to further violations and crimes, and are urgently needed to stop Israel from dragging us all into an abyss as it blindly and violently pursues its destructive and illegal policies for the sole purpose of maintaining its illegitimate control over the Palestinian people and their land.

The long-standing calls upon Israel to end its occupation and to respect international law and cease its violation and obstruction of the rights of the Palestinian people must be matched by action. It is time to act now, in accordance with international law, to save civilian lives, to stop the ethnic cleansing and to open a horizon for finally bringing an end to this appalling injustice. The Charter of the United Nations – with the right of all peoples to self-determination and the absolute prohibition on the acquisition of territory by force – has long provided the path forward, and we call upon the Security Council and all countries to act.

The Security Council in particular must act with urgency, in respect of its Charter duties and its many resolutions, including resolution [904 \(1994\)](#), to protect the Palestinian civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, from the aggressions of Israel's occupying forces, including the extremist settler militias who are terrorizing our people every single day.

The Palestinian people will never accept remaining captive under this illegal colonial occupation and apartheid regime and will continue to pursue their liberation and freedom through all legitimate means.

On this sombre seventy-fifth anniversary of the partition of Palestine, our appeal to the international community is to transform the many expressions of support and solidarity with the Palestinian people into tangible action for accountability as essential for confronting the gross human rights abuses and grave breaches being perpetrated by Israel, the occupying Power, in order to bring pressure to bear to end these crimes, protect human lives and chart a path forward wherein the realization of justice and peace is possible.

The present letter is in follow-up to our 769 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 25 October 2022 ([A/ES-10/917-S/2022/800](#)) 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 distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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