

STATEMENT OF THE BUREAU OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON THE
EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

**Two Months Under Siege: UN Palestinian Rights Committee Bureau Demands Immediate Lifting of
Gaza Blockade and Welcomes Ongoing ICJ Proceedings**

New York, 6 May 2025 –The Bureau of the UN Palestinian Rights Committee condemns the unfolding events since the collapse of the Gaza ceasefire on 18 March and the illegal blockade and siege imposed since 2 March 2025 by Israel, the occupying power, that has cut off all food, fuel, medicine, and commercial supplies to the Palestinian civilian population and has already taken thousands of lives through bombardment and deprivation since it broke the ceasefire. Since 18 March, more than 2,308 Palestinians have been killed, part of over 52,400 killed and 118,000 injured, the majority of them women and children, since 7 October 2023, amid relentless bombardment and blockade.

It has been two unbearable months of Israeli siege upon more than two million people of the Gaza Strip, children, women, older persons, youth and ordinary people who are being collectively punished. The UN World Food Programme's [announcement](#) on 25 April 2025 of the delivery of its last remaining stocks of food, underscores the life and death urgency of the situation which will silently kill even more children and women. Israel's punitive action, preventing all humanitarian access to Gaza, has compounded conditions of starvation, spread of diseases and deprivation among a population of more than 1.9 million forcibly and repeatedly displaced. Such measures flagrantly violate international humanitarian and human rights law, defy the most basic principles of humanity, and must end immediately.

The Committee Bureau calls for an immediate ceasefire and permanent ceasefire, in line with [Security Council resolution 2735](#) (2024), and for the immediate, unconditional lifting of the blockade, the sustained flow of food, water, fuel, medicine, and other essentials, and full protection for humanitarian personnel and for the civilian population in accordance with international law.

We reject any proposals to displace Palestinians from Gaza under the guise of so-called “voluntary migration” or “redevelopment” to entrench this unlawful occupation. These proposals are inhumane and illegal. We urge Member States, the Security Council, and all parties with influence to act now before more Palestinian civilians brutally lose their lives. The catastrophic situation in Gaza highlights the importance of the Committee Bureau-endorsed ongoing advisory proceedings before the [International Court of Justice](#) on whether Israel violates international law as it prevents the UN, international humanitarian organization and states from providing humanitarian assistance to the Palestinians under its brutal occupation. We urge the Court to issue its opinion swiftly, as its guidance is indispensable at this critical juncture and will serve as further guidance for Member States to act in line with their legal, political and humanitarian responsibilities.

The upcoming High-Level International Conference in June, co-chaired by France and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, presents a timely and vital opportunity to mobilize renewed international support toward ending the Israeli unlawful occupation, realizing the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and establishing a viable two-States solution for achieving a just and lasting solution to the Question of Palestine. The UN Palestinian Rights Committee stand ready to contribute actively to this effort and strongly support the objectives of the Conference.

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