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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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Violation of Palestinian Women's Rights in the Occupying Power's Attacks on the Gaza Strip

Examination of the evidence and documents shows that the Israeli occupying power has violated a large number of the most important fundamental and customary rules of international law and the provisions of international humanitarian law during the illegal and inhumane attacks against the Palestinians over the past seven months. The recent war by the Occupying power has inflicted violence on the Palestinian people, especially women and children. The occupying power has attacked defenseless Palestinian civilians, especially women and children in Gaza, and systematically violated their human rights and fundamental freedoms. Palestinian women are the primary victims of the occupying power's attacks, and many of them are killed or injured in these clashes. At the time of this statement, nearly 11012 women have lost their lives in the Gaza Strip.

Moreover, their situation is very deplorable due to the illegal siege, the destruction of homes and the increasing imposed poverty, travel restrictions, the establishment of checkpoints, the restriction of access to health and social services, detention and torture in prisons, etc. Their rights have been violated in international conventions. Their rights were violated in international conventions. In addition, there have been many examples of crimes against humanity, war crimes, and crimes such as the mass killing of women and children, attacks on hospitals, prohibition of access to food and medicine, and attacks on schools, mosques, and religious centers.

The examination of the facts and crimes committed by the aggressors in the Gaza war and the comparison with the rules and principles of international humanitarian law shows that the most essential and fundamental crimes defined in the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the two Additional Protocols of 1977, including war crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes of sterilization have been violated in many cases against women and children.

We are deeply concerned about the tragic consequences of the aggression of the occupying forces against Palestinian women in the Gaza Strip. Therefore, we condemn the recent attacks by the occupying power because by creating obstacles in the way of the realization of Palestinian women's rights, it repeatedly violates their human rights and deprives them of their most basic rights. We reaffirm that such a gross violation of international humanitarian law and international law constitutes a fundamental challenge to human rights that must be addressed by the international community and seriously pursued by this Council. We hold the Occupying power fully responsible for the consequences of these crimes and repeated attacks on the Palestinian people.

Recommendations and Proposals

We ask the members of the Human Rights Council to follow the recommendations below:

- We call on the international community to compel the occupying power to comply with the norms and standards of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.
- We urge the establishment of a UN Commission of Inquiry for a comprehensive investigation into the violations committed by the occupying power in the Gaza Strip and the violation of women's rights.
- The United Nations, including the Human Rights Council and its related mechanisms, must take all necessary measures to end the long-standing and shameful impunity of the occupying power and be held accountable for all systematic violations of their human and humanitarian rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.