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**ICJ Oral Statement on the Universal Periodic Review outcome for Israel
ISRAEL: ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT LONGSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Mr. President,

At the time of preparing this statement, the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) did not know which recommendations Israel accepts in whole or part. The ICJ calls on Israel to accept and implement recommendations to abide by international humanitarian and international human rights law (A/HRC/25/15 recommendations 136.13, 136.30, 136.46-49, 136.157, 136.161). In particular, the ICJ urges Israel to fully implement recommendations for thorough and impartial investigations into all allegations of human rights and humanitarian law violations committed in the context of the prolonged occupation of the OPT, and on ending the impunity of its armed and security forces involved in these violations (recommendations 136.66 and 136.210). Measures to tackle impunity should be accompanied by the recognition and fulfilment of the rights of victims to remedy and reparation.

The ICJ also calls on Israel to accept the recommendations made in the previous UPR round, and reiterated in this round, on ending Israel's unlawful settlement policy by halting all settlement growth and expansion, dismantling existing settlements and ensuring that there is no new installation of settlements and settlers (recommendations 136.07, 136.08, 136.151-154, 136.164, 136.170, 136.173, 136.174, 136.179, 136.182, 136.184, 136.185, 136.187, 136.190, 137.5). Additionally, Israel should take effective measures to prevent "price-tagging" and other crimes committed against Palestinians and their property, including by holding those responsible to account (recommendations 136.66, 136.209).

The ICJ further calls on Israel to halt construction on and to dismantle the separation wall on Palestinian land (recommendations 136.107, 136.148-151, 136.162).

Israel's abusive use of administrative detention against hundreds of Palestinians continues. Recommendations for abolishing relevant laws and policies on administrative detention should therefore be fully implemented (recommendations 136.115, 136.120, 136.124, 136.125). In the meantime, Israel must ensure that the internment of those subject to administrative detention are regularly reviewed by independent and impartial courts and that detainees have access to legal counsel of their choice, are informed of the basis for the detention and have access to the evidence on which their detention is based.

I thank you.

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