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**Mr. President,
Distinguished Delegates,**

Once again, the General Assembly is holding discussion on the question of Palestine, which it has constantly discussed since 1947, without achieving the hope of Palestinians to establish their own State and return to their homes, and with the lack of ability of the International Community to provide assistance in serving justice and avoiding the risks threatening international peace and security in the region.

The current situation of the question of Palestine urges the international community to deal with it differently starting from the awareness of historical facts and the existing practices and the search for solutions according to the principles of the International Law. Starting from all that, the Libyan delegation is seeking today to draw the attention of the International Community to the right approach toward the solution of the question of Palestine, instead of the continuous knocking on closed doors or chasing the mirages of the so-called Two-State-Solution.

Mr. President,

Allow me to go back to history, not the history of the last three thousand years which was exploited by Zionism to create the misery we are witnessing in Palestine, but the history of the last hundred years whose landmarks still exist throughout historic Palestine, so we can realize the amount of unjustness against the Palestinian people and find the best way to

achieve justice and ward the spectre of war and destruction off Palestine and the region as a whole.

The percentage of Jews in the historic Palestine in 1917 was (9%) of the population, which was all Arabs of Muslims, Christians and Jews. The Jews used to own (2.5%) of land in Palestine. In 1947, the percentage of Jews increased to (32%) of the population and owned (6.2%) of the land due to the extensive Jewish immigration funded by Zionist movement, and encouraged by the British mandate. In the same year, the General Assembly adopted the resolution (181) which partitioned Palestine into two States by which (56%) of lands was given to the Jewish minority and (44%) was given to Arab Palestinians who represented more than two thirds of the population. However, that resolution was not satisfactory to the Zionist leaders since their ambitions were much more. Meanwhile, they wanted to exploit the sympathy of the Super Powers with the Jews for what they had been through by the Nazism. Zionist movement, furthermore, established armed terrorist organizations, turned later on to an army, and announced the establishment of Israel which attacked all Arab areas in Palestine, and occupied (77%) of Palestinian lands in 1948 and 1949 after bloody massacres against the Palestinians and the destruction of their villages and driving them out of the occupied territories.

Israel was not satisfied with the partitioning resolution and the occupation of further territories; therefore, it launched a war against Arab countries in 1967 by which it occupied what remains of the historic Palestine territories and parts of other Arab countries.

Here, I would like to underline that the Jewish possession of land in 1917 was (2.5%); and in 1967 they occupied the whole Palestinian territories.

**Mr. President,
Distinguished Delegates,**

Now, let us see briefly what happened to the Palestinians during the last 60 years:

75% of the Palestinians left their territories after being occupied in 1948. Approximately quarter a million of Palestinians left the West Bank and Gaza after being occupied in 1967, and approximately 400 thousands of Palestinians left the occupied territories due to the Israeli inhumane practices in the occupied territories after 1967. Everybody was either expelled or driven away from villages under threat. Nowadays, five million Palestinian refugees live in 59 camps overseen by the United Nations, and mostly are in the neighboring countries, in addition to another two million refugees living in other different countries. The Israeli occupation authority did not allow any Palestinian refugee to return to their homes despite the resolutions of the general Assembly 194 (1948) and 181 (1947) which Israel was committed to implement as a prerequisite to accede to the United Nations membership. But let's see what happens now?

The Israeli might forced the International Community to overlook the roots of the question of Palestine and to acknowledge that only (22%) of the Palestinian territory is occupied, which are the occupied territories after 1967. The Palestinian leaders were forced to accept that less than a quarter

of the Palestinian people's right to establish their State, and they concluded more than ten agreements with the Israeli entity from 1993 to 2005. However, the Israeli side did not implement any of the agreements and continued its known policy aiming to eliminate the Palestinians by confiscating their territories, destroying their homes, banning new construction, farm leveling operations, banning basic necessities of life and restricting their movements.

The Israeli occupation authority seized approximately 50% of the territories of the West Bank to establish 149 settlements and their infrastructure and to create private security zones and closed military areas and the so-called natural reserves and the road system used only by Jews and the separation wall, which by itself only seized 10% of the territories of the West Bank.

The Occupation authority confiscated and controls the water resources and prevents the Palestinians completely from using the waters of Jordan River. It exploits 87% of the groundwaters of the West Bank leaving 2.5 million Palestinians live on 13% only of the groundwaters. So, it is less than 60 liters of water daily per capita for the Palestinians whilst it is 274-450 liters of water daily per capita for the Jews.

Mr. President

We are facing an abnormal situation where the Israeli entity transformed the efforts of the International Community dedicated to solve the question of Palestine into a sort of vanity aiming for the consecration of

the status quo which is enhanced daily at the expense of the rights of the Palestinian people. There was not possibility left to establish a Palestinian State along with the so-called Israel after the Israeli settlements swallowed half of the West Bank territories and divided it, ending the Palestinians living in separated cantons as those created by the defunct racist regime in South Africa. This is confirmed by the series of legislations and laws recently enacted or to be enacted by the Israeli authorities including the amendment of the so-called Citizenship Act which obliges the non-Jewish to take oath to Israel as a Jewish State; and the Act which forbids granting residence to Palestinians who get married to Palestinians living in the territories occupied since 1948; and the Prohibition of Incitement Act which states to detain those who are against the existence of Israel as a Jewish State; and the Law on Acception in the municipalities which prevents persons from living in towns if their ideas are not in conformity with the establishment of the Zionists town; and the Law of associations which prevents the establishment of any associations not in line with the Zionist policy.. etc. These are samples of some laws aiming to ethnic cleansing supported by practical measures on the field including the destruction of the Palestinians' homes and expulsing them from their villages. These measures were lately focusing on Jerusalem and Jordan Valley.

Mr. President,

Distinguished Delegates,

The General Assembly announced in its resolution (3379) dated November 10th, 1975 that Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination. It was not wrong, however, it was not precise since Zionism

in fact if worse than racism due to its apartheid practices and its belief in ethnic cleansing in Palestine as a tool to establish a private State for the Jews.

It must be noted here that the Humanitarian Science Research Centre in South Africa made an extensive legal study in the light of the International Law and the laws applied in Palestine pre- and post occupation times in order to answer a specific question which is: is Israel an apartheid State? The study concluded and I quote: “Since 1967, Israel is an aggressive occupation force in the Palestinian Occupied territories and that the occupation of these territories is a colonial project based on apartheid system” end of quote. The study is posted on the web for those who would like to review it.

Mr. President,

The Zionist entity is clearly refusing to acknowledge the rights of Palestinians and is severely trying to give the occupation of the whole Palestinian territories a more legitimate form and is clearly against the establishment of a livable Palestinian State. It is trying, by all means possible, to dominate every single foot of the Palestinian territories for the extension of Israel and to strengthen its existence as a racist State for Jews only. Therefore, the Two-State-Solution promoted by the American administrations is not possible anymore due to the Israeli intransigence and the overlap of population between the Palestinians and the Jews; and the reduction and scattering of territories under the control of the Palestinians. Furthermore, both parties believe in their full right for the whole territories

of historic Palestine. Israelis say that they had lived there three thousand years ago and the Palestinians rely on their continuous existence on it for hundreds of years. Due to the blackout of the solution horizon, therefore, it is urgently necessary to take another solution into consideration based on justice and to take advantage of the experience of eliminating apartheid in South Africa; a solution to establish one single State on the whole territories on historic Palestine. A State where all refugees could return. A State where Arabs and Jews could live together in harmony and enjoy their equal rights and have equal obligations; and to be demilitarized and live peacefully with the other neighboring countries.

The practices of the Israeli entity do not allow other solutions rather than the One-State-Solution. We have to choose between a racial State imposed by the Zionists for The Jews only, and a democratic State imposed by the International Community, where Arabs and Jews could coexist in harmony with equal rights and obligations, which is what is happening in South Africa where a democratic State was established on the remnants of the apartheid system where whites and blacks coexist after long decades of hostility and blood shedding.

Mr. President,
Distinguished Delegates,

The Libyan delegation prepared a Draft Resolution on the One-State Solution which will be submitted to the vote in the General Assembly. We are looking forward to the support of all States for its adoption in the interest of peace and security in the Middle East and the World.

The draft resolution contained in document (A/65/L.24) is based on the Charter of the United Nations, reaffirms the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force and emphasizes the inalienable rights of the Palestinians which include, as we are aware, their right to return, their right for self-determination and their right to establish an independent State on their entire territories. The resolution notices the tragic results caused by the establishment of the so called "Israel" by force, and points to the failure of all initiatives to establish a just and lasting peace between the Jews and the Palestinians, as well as the persecution of the Palestinians under the occupation, and the continuing seizure of their lands.

The resolution seeks to serve justice, spare the region from further disasters and recognizes that the current facts in Palestine do not leave any room for the establishment of two viable States, as I have already made clear. The draft resolution is based on the good relations used to bind the Jews and the Arabs for centuries prior the establishment of the Israeli entity; and it decides in its operative paragraphs on the following:

1. *Confirms* its commitment to attaining a just, lasting and comprehensive solution to the conflict in Palestine;
2. *Emphasizes* the right of all inhabitants who were born in, or whose fathers or ancestors were born in, the historical territory of Palestine to live in the territory and recover their property and to enjoy their human rights as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, regardless of their religion or ethnic origin;

3. *Affirms* the right of all refugees and displaced persons, as a result of the fighting which erupted in 1948 and 1967 and subsequent hostilities, to return to their homes and previous abodes;

4. *Also affirms* that the time is ripe to find a peaceful, just, lasting and comprehensive solution to the conflict between the Palestinian and Jewish peoples that safeguards the legitimate rights of the two sides;

5. *Decides* that there is no viable option other than the establishment of a single democratic, multiracial and multicultural State for both the Jews and the Palestinians, based on equal rights and equal obligations, which shall be disarmed and shall live in peace with its neighbours, and calls on the two parties to start, without delay and with support from the international community, negotiations for the realization of such a State;

6. *Invites* all Member States and United Nations organs, including the Security Council, to provide support for the establishment of a single State for both the Jews and the Palestinians which upholds the right of return for all refugees and displaced persons and embraces the values of democracy, justice and human rights;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the present resolution and to submit to the General Assembly, at its sixty-sixth session a report in that regard;

8. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

There is no doubt that this resolution reflects justice and seeks for peace; and we believe that all delegations representing peace and security loving States would vote in its favor, although we realize that a lot of pressure will be exerted on them.

Thanks You Mr. President