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Item 7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

Statement by the International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (ISMUN)

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Thank you, Mr. President,

It is an honor for me to address this Council on behalf of ISMUN which has always supported our Palestinian rights. My name is Issa Amro and I have come from Hebron to draw your attention to the escalating situation in Palestine.

I am extremely alarmed about the provocations caused by Israeli security forces in East Jerusalem, who are increasingly restricting us from accessing the mosque meanwhile they allow extremist settlers to enter. The erupting violence over the past weeks is a result of this policy and can only end when international law is applied.

As a Human Rights defender I further urge you to speak out with strength and clarity to finally end the apartheid policy related to the growing number of illegal settlements. Over the past months settlers have changed the names of our neighborhoods into Hebrew. They have burnt the Dawabsheh family and many other houses with impunity, meanwhile Israeli security forces brutally oppress journalists and human rights defenders and systematically humiliate and kill our people, as we have seen last week at the extrajudicial execution of 18 year old Hadeel al-Hashlamoun.

Mr. President, I was present when they took her body away and saw the settlers and soldiers rejoice at her fate. We urgently need an impartial international investigation into her case as well as international protection forces. I also call on this Council not to forget the people in Gaza, who are still waiting for the promise of reconstruction to be fulfilled.

Finally, I would like to remind this Council that it bears a special responsibility towards the Palestinian people. Over the past years I have been here several times and called on you not to leave us alone in our struggle. Meanwhile our situation is getting worse and worse and a number of countries still remain silent under this item. I urge this Council to finally listen to our cries and give more help to end our suffering. I urge all regional and political groups in the Council to actively contribute under the Agenda Item 7.

Thank you