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Mr. President

The conflict in occupied Arab territories looks like an endless struggle which has no regards for civilians specially children. We are fully aware of the dire humanitarian situation in Palestine, which has even worsened by the latest Israeli military operations.

A few days ago, the first day of Eid al-Adha` or Muslim feast, Israeli soldiers invaded, some houses, in occupied Jerusalem, and kidnapped some Palestinians. Few weeks ago, Israeli soldiers attacked the guards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and dozens of worshipers and students, including many children.

During the Gaza conflict last year 1,462 Palestinian civilians were killed and a third of them were children.

Recently new laws are entered into force in Israel and now Israeli police will be able to use live fire on children and adults who throw rocks at the police. The Israeli security cabinet voted unanimously on new temporary measures which increased monetary fines for teenagers who throw stones.

Children are the first victims of the occupation. The failure to protect and safeguard their most basic rights, including the right to life and health from the ongoing assaults must be seriously taken into account by the international community in its entirety. It has a responsibility to guarantee a more stable and secure future for generations of Palestinian children to enjoy the rights and privileges which Israel and other countries of the world over, deem for themselves.

Mr. President

Our NGO urges the UN to adopt practical measures to make Israel comply with over one hundred UN resolutions adopted against Israel operations and policies in OPT in order to protect children's and civilians rights.

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