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**Human rights situation in Palestine and other
occupied Arab territories**

Written statement* submitted by Human Rights Information and Training Center, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

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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Call to the international community to protect Jerusalem and stop the "settlement expansion policy"

The Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) welcomes the adoption of the resolution by which the Human Rights Council established an international commission of inquiry to investigate violations in the Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, and calls on the High Commissioner to immediately act in the investigation procedures, including the Israeli policy of repression and separation between the Palestinians, As well as the systematic and excessive use of force, policies of collective punishment and arbitrary detention, as well as settler violence, which they implement with institutional impunity, which are some of the features of the Israeli settlement system based on apartheid.

On Friday, 05/07/2021, the Israeli forces continued to fire metal bullets coated with a layer of rubber, stun grenades and tear gas at the worshipers inside the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque, until dawn the next day, when those forces emptied the mosque of the worshipers at about 3 o'clock : 00 am, and its doors are closed.

According to the Palestinian Red Crescent, about 205 Palestinians were injured with various injuries. More than 80 of them were transferred to hospitals for treatment. Three of them lost an eye, two of them were seriously injured in the head, and others sustained fractures in the jaw. On the next day, corresponding to 05/08/2021, more than 90 Palestinians were injured, including five who were injured in the head, while the occupation authorities closed Road No. (433) and Abu Ghosh Road and prevented Palestinian buses from arriving to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which embodies state policy The occupation separates the Palestinian people geographically.

HRITC warns of escalating acts of repression and systematic attacks against Palestinians and Jerusalemites in particular. HRITC urges the Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention to abide by their responsibilities to stop the aggression, protect civilians, end the occupation and hold Israel responsible for its violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

The Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) calls on the international community to oblige the Israeli occupation state to implement its legal obligations towards the Palestinians in the city of occupied Jerusalem, and to stop the Israeli violations against the Palestinians based on apartheid.

It also urges the International Commission of Inquiry to investigate violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel established under (A / HRC / S-30 / L.1), to:

- Collecting evidence of weapons being used to commit genocide against Palestinians.
- Visiting prisons and places of detention and meeting demonstrators to investigate the crimes committed during interrogation and arrest
- Collecting evidence of specific torture methods used against the detainees
- Ensure that the "settlement expansion policy" is stopped