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**Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner  
for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the  
High Commissioner and the Secretary-General**

**Joint written statement\* submitted by Family Health Association of Iran, Humanitarian Ambassadors NGO, Imam Ali Charity Institution, Jameh Ehyagaran Teb Sonnati Va Salamat Iranian, Maryam Ghasemi Educational Charity Institute, Network of Women's Non-governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence, Society of Iranian Women Advocating Sustainable Development of Environment, The Association of Citizens Civil Rights Protection "Manshour-e Parseh", The Society for Recovery Support, non-governmental organizations 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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\* Issued as received, in the language of submission only.



## **International Crimes in Gaza**

We note the report submitted by the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory to the 56th Session of the Human Rights Council on the situation of Human Rights in the occupied Palestinian territories.

At the same time, we are deeply shocked by the horrible crimes committed in the region, including the evidence found in the mass graves of Gaza hospitals, proving intentional massacre, summary executions, torture and burying people alive.

We are also shocked by the continuous genocide in Gaza, and the new crimes being unfolded in the region, despite the provisional measures indicated by the International Court of Justice on the necessity of genocide prevention by Israel.

## **International Crimes**

Despite the repeat calls by the UN officials, majority of the UN Member States and the members of international civil society, war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide have continued in Gaza for the past seven months, leaving the stain of the preventable death of 35,000 Palestinian civilians on the conscience of the international community.

The frequent alarms raised by all concerned parties on the situation of Gaza has only led to exacerbation of the humanitarian conditions, which is even worsened by the Israel offensive against Rafah in May 2024, blocking the only existing humanitarian corridor available for the delivery of very limited assistance to the people who are already living under a crisis of humanity.

## **Necessity of Genocide Prevention**

In line with the UN Secretary General, we raise serious alarms over the necessity of prevention of further Israel military operations and offensive against Rafah, which has been the only place where the forcibly displaced Gaza people have been residing, following multiple displacements, living under dire humanitarian conditions which pose serious threats to their lives and health.

## **Recommendations**

- We call on the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory to continue its invaluable efforts in documentation of the crimes committed in the State of Palestine, especially in Gaza to facilitate the process of bringing perpetrators to justice and providing the victims with adequate remedy and redress.
- We warn the international community especially the European countries who have been backing Israel and supporting the military operations, to use their economic influence and urge Israel to stop the ongoing genocide, terminate the complicity in the international crimes taking place in the region and breaking the legally binding provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice.
- We call on the international community, specifically the countries who are supporting Israel operations, to prevent further atrocities in the region through effective measures including imposition of economics sanctions, arm embargos and other countermeasures to dissuade Israel from continuation of international crimes and adhere to its obligations under international law.
- We call on the International Criminal Court to immediately issue arrest warrants for every member of the Israeli officials, who are responsible for continuing genocide against the Palestinians and initiation of a ground invasion as well as a military offensive against Rafah.

International Assembly of Women of Monotheistic Religions NGO(s) without consultative status,  
also share the views expressed in this statement.