

## **Organization for Defending Victims of Violence**

### **Item 4: General Debate**



**Mr. President,**

We strongly condemn recent statements by U.S. President suggesting that Gaza should be forcibly depopulated, with its Palestinian residents relocated elsewhere. This proposal is a flagrant violation of international law and it would move the US from being complicit in war crimes to direct perpetration of atrocities.

Also, we are deeply concerned after the U.S. President authorized an Executive Order imposing sanctions on the ICC. These sanctions constitute offenses against the administration of justice as outlined in the Rome Statute.

The forced transfer of a civilian population from its land is a war crime under the Geneva Conventions and a crime against humanity. The idea that an occupying power could simply erase a people's presence from their homeland echoes the darkest chapters of history.

For decades, Palestinians have faced systematic displacement, home demolitions, and land confiscations. The suggestion that they should now be permanently expelled from Gaza is an extension of this long-standing injustice. Rather than promoting further violations, western States should support an immediate ceasefire, reinstate humanitarian aid, and push for accountability for perpetrators committed international crimes.

All countries who care about human rights and the international rule of law must reject this dangerous rhetoric and stand firmly against any attempt to forcibly remove Palestinians from their land and take decisive action to prevent further atrocities against the Palestinian people.

Justice, not forced displacement, must guide the path forward.

**I thank you**