Organization for Defending Victims of Violence



Item 7: General Debate

Mr. President.

The world is deeply disturbed by the continuation of the immense human sufferings in Gaza. Even worst is the failure of the international community to prevent the on-going killings and crimes in the region.

We note that the 7th Oct. attacks did not take place in a vacuum and was preceded by long history of human rights violations and discrimination in the region including the violation of the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

We condemn weaponization of humanitarian items for political gains including the cutting off of water, food, electricity, fuel and humanitarian assistance, which constitutes collective punishment of the civilian population leading to starvation, dehydration and loss of lives especially among children.

Mr. President,

We call on the international community to use all capacities at hand to end the blatant disregard for international law, and all hostilities in Gaza, including the attacks against civilians, protected targets, UN agencies and humanitarian actors.

We echo the call made by the SR on Opt and urge the UN Member States to abide by their obligations under the Genocide Convention and the ICJ orders to prevent the commission of genocide. How many more civilians must be killed in Gaza, before the world takes serious action?