

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Item 3: General Debate



Mr. President,

After 471 days of heinous violence in Gaza, the ceasefire remains fragile and constantly violated. We, as witnesses to the horrifying bloodshed and starvation of people and children, ask:

- How can a genocide persist for over 470 days before the international community secures a ceasefire?
- Why do ICC arrest warrants for war criminals go ignored, while UN Court members face sanctions from a founding UN member?
- How did the world permit nearly 50,000 civilian deaths, mostly women and children?
- Why were ICJ rulings ignored, undermining the international rule of law?

Mr. President,

Given Gaza's current crisis, we urge the international community to:

- Ensure inclusive and sufficient access to essential items for everyone in the enclave.
- Support urgent investment in Gaza's healthcare and civilian infrastructure, including homes and schools.
- Ensure lasting peace, stability, and reconstruction in the region and prevent eruption of further conflicts, through financial and diplomatic support.
- Continue negotiations to ensure the right to land and to self-determination for people of Palestine.
- Ensure access to justice for the people of the enclave and make sure that impunity ends for perpetrators of all international crimes.
- Establish effective mechanisms to prevent and end eruption of genocides in the world, and the notorious failures of the international community to address ongoing mass killings.
- Seriously address the apartheid, systematic discrimination and dehumanization of Palestinians as the most destructive root causes of genocide.