

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

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



#### **Mr. President**

The complicity in international crimes in Gaza perpetuates a cycle of suffering and injustice that stains the conscience of humanity.

States shall not provide aid or assistance to the situation which was created as a result of the violation of peremptory norms of general international law. There is indeed a plausibility in the Situation in Gaza that genocide has been committed, according to the recent order of the ICJ in the Case of South Africa Versus Israel. Since obligation to prevent and punish the crime of genocide is erga omnes, all other States shall take measures to prevent its commission and refrain from giving any assistance to the illegal situation. Some States by cutting off their support to UNRWA, and also by providing financial, political and military support to Israel have violated their obligations under IHRL and IHL. They shall be presumed aware of the fact that these weapons and support would and will significantly contribute to the commission of international crimes, and in particular genocide. Further, it would and will amount to victimization of many innocent civilians. This shall be an alarm for all States to consider that international law does not merely ban the State directly involved in the commission of genocide, but also other States which provide assistance by providing means or in any other ways to its commission.

We urge these States to promptly stop all forms of support for Israel and we call on the international community to cooperate in preventing the plausible genocide in Gaza.