

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence



Item 3: interactive dialogue with the special reporter on freedom of association and assembly

Mr. President,

There is a global responsibility to protest against genocide and a global freedom of peaceful assembly to express alarms against such heinous international crimes. However, the ongoing massacres and genocide in Gaza has challenged the States double standards, while approaching fundamental freedoms which are not congruent with their political stance. When the US university students decided to exercise their fundamental human right to freedom of assembly to protest against Gaza genocide, they were confronted with heavy handed suppression, arrests, detentions, police violence, surveillance, disciplinary measures and sanctions against members of the educational community.

Mr. President,

We call on the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of association and assembly to express concerns over the violation of this fundamental right in the United States.

We call on the international community, the UN Secretary-General and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to:

- call on the UN member states to ensure and protect the right to peaceful assembly for those who protest against commission and continuation of international crimes, especially in Gaza.
- Continue making interventions to stop the violation of right to freedom of assembly for those who exercise their fundamental right to protest against Gaza genocide.