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**(Statement by Turkey)**

Mr. President,

During the last review cycle, Israel’s disregard for international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) has worsened.

We remain deeply concerned by Israeli practices violating Palestinians’ fundamental rights, such as the use of excessive force, administrative detention, house demolitions and land confiscation, as well as by attempts to undermine the status quo of Al-Haram Al-Sharif.

Our **recommendations** are:

1. Abide, as the occupying power, by all obligations under international law in the OPT, including the immediate cessation of illegal settlement activity.
2. Effectively prevent and sanction incidents of the use of excessive force and unlawful killings by security personnel against Palestinians, especially by aligning relevant legislation with international human rights law.
3. Eliminate practices of torture and ill-treatment against Palestinian detainees, particularly children, including during arrests, transfers and interrogation.
4. Repeal without delay all restrictions on the freedom of movement and access within the OPT, in order to ensure full enjoyment of fundamental rights by residents, as well as an adequate standard of living.
5. Urgently cease discriminatory and unlawful planning process in the West Bank and Jerusalem, with a view to repealing legislation confiscating Palestinian lands.
6. Instill a transparent, human rights-based approach related to the treatment of asylum seekers, including the cessation of forcible transfers to third countries.

I thank you, Mr. President.