

Statement by the Arab Republic of Egypt

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On Agenda Item 83:

**“Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and**

**relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts”**

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- Allow me at the outset, to express our appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report on the issue.
- Egypt underscores its principled positions concerning international law, in particular international humanitarian law and reaffirms the continuing value of established humanitarian law relating to the protection of victims in armed

- Moreover, we express our concern regarding the critical humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip. In this regard, Egypt calls for an end to the Israeli blockade

of the Strip.

- We stress that respect for international law, including international

Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We reiterate our calls on the international community and the concerned parties to revive the negotiations and the peace process based on the two-state solution and the relevant Security Council resolutions.

Egypt encourages the promotion of respect for the obligations arising from