

**Statement
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Mr. President,

Let me begin by congratulating you, Mr. Jean Ping, on your election as President of the 59th session of the General Assembly. We are confident that you will conduct the proceedings of this session with great competence.

I would like to pay tribute to your predecessor, Mr. JULIAN ROBERT HUNTE, who presided ably over the 58th session of the General Assembly.

I should at this moment express my deep appreciation for the efforts of H.E. the Secretary General to harmonize international relations and ensure respect for the principles of the Charter and laws with a view to strengthening International peace and Security. His statement before this Assembly marks a landmark in the quest for the prevalence of law and respect for the role of the United Nations in International conflicts.

Mr. President,

In my statement I shall focus on the turbulent situation in the Middle East and precisely on the core of the conflict in the Middle East.

Mr. President

The situation in the region of Western Asia or the Middle East is in turmoil. To add damage to the already existing grave situation as a result of Israel's policies and practices in occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, The Occupation of Iraq was based on unfounded pretext. The total absence of law and order are the general pattern of life in occupied Iraq. The continuous occupation is wreaking havoc in the economic and social aspects of life. We urge the competent institutions namely the UN General Assembly and the Security Council to take necessary and appropriate measures to ensure Iraq's independence and sovereignty as soon as possible.

Mr. President,

Israel is the only nuclear power in the Middle East. It is about the fourth strongest army in the world, is a war sophisticated arms developer and dealer with no ethical or moral constraints and with no human rights concerns. The Israeli government can therefore do anything it wants, acting like a high tech military-expert rogue state which has become tremendously useful for the United States since it has located itself strategically right in the centre of the global arms industry. Counting on the support of the U.S.A Israel breaks moral and international laws with impunity.

The daily assaults on Palestinian peaceful towns and villages, the demolishing of homes and houses, the bulldozing and uprooting of age-old fruit bearing trees- olives and citrus, targeted killings, assassinations, closures and the imposition of a state of siege and curfews and the use of excessively disproportionate firepower that resulted, so far, in more than 3200 deaths and thousands of injuries are common knowledge. The allegation by Israel that it is self defence is totally rejected. It is the Palestinians under occupation, with their meager means of combat are the party exercising the right to self- defence.

Almost 8000 Palestinians

Mr. President,

A performance – based on Roadmap was unanimously adopted by the Security Council (1515). We have accepted the road map as, in our opinion, it augured well.

The Roadmap envisaged a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict which solution "will be achieved through an end to violence and terrorism and when the Palestinians become able to build a practicing democracy and through Israel's readiness to do what is necessary for a democratic Palestinian state to be established".

The Palestinians through their representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization embraced the Roadmap and considered that it offers another opportunity contributing towards the end of the conflict. We hope that the Quartet will seriously assume the noble task of realising the destination of the Roadmap.

Acts of state-terrorism was Israel's response to the performance- based Roadmap. And to be more precise the 2000 pound bomb was dropped after the Palestinians have scrupulously observed an unannounced cease-fire. Israel still adheres to the 14 reservations it has on the Roadmap. The nebulous ideas and intentions revealed in the exchange of letters between President Bush and Prime Minister Sharon on the matter of the commitments to the Roadmap are far from encouraging and holding the Roadmap and Security Council resolution 1515 in limbo if not total neglect and refusal.

than those arrived at by agreement between the parties A permanent settlement must also include an