



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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General Debate

Thank you Mr. President,

The Middle East continues to be a hub for massive human rights violations, a battle field where the extreme ideology of ISIS clashes with the extreme ideology of the Islamic Republic of Iran over hegemony.

Make no mistakes; there are no moderates in this struggle. On both sides there is no respect for human rights, for women and children's rights, for freedom of expression or religion, for minorities and for basic liberties we should all respect. Both the Islamic State and the Islamic Republic cannot accept the mere existence of those who will not accept their logic.

The Human Rights Council should speak loud and clear on behalf of those millions of people in the Middle East who want and deserve to live their lives in peace and without fear from either of these two tyrannies.

Mr. President,

Regrettably, representatives of governments sitting in this chamber, sponsoring resolutions on human rights issues and delivering enthusiastic, convincing statements about the need to fight extremism are themselves the greatest violators of those rights.

This Council should not become a parody of human rights. We should not undermine the integrity of this Council nor betray the victims of vicious human rights violations.

Mr. President,

As I speak, Hamas and Hezbollah are busy preparing the next round of violence, building their military arsenal and testing new weapons. They operate from within governments in which they share power or who serve as their mentors – in Lebanon, in the Palestinian Territories and in Iran.

If peace, stability and human rights are our goals, we should not accept it.

Mr. President,

In recent months we witnessed a growing number of anti-Semitic attacks on Jews and Jewish institutions around the world, especially in Europe. Jews died because they were Jews, 70 years after the end of World War II. These attacks cannot be condoned.

It is high time this Chamber and the Office of the High Commissioner make a clarion call and condemn these attacks against Jews in a clear and vigorous manner.

It is not too late to do that.

Thank you.