



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Vote on Item 7 Resolutions

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Mr. President,

We have just witnessed another performance of the theater of the absurd that is the Human Rights Council. Yesterday evening, this Council dispensed with the hellish situation in Syria with one resolution, extending by a year the mandate of the Commission of Inquiry, which will produce its report. It spent five minutes on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea considering one resolution. Today, it has considered five resolutions on Israel, mandating at least six reports over the coming year, overburdening the scarce resources of the Office of the High Commissioner and the time of this Council. We reject these resolutions in their entirety.

By now I have realized this is a highly politicized UN institution. And yet, where is the sense of priority of the Council? Where is its sense of purpose? Where is its moral compass?

The Human Rights Council has become an inflammatory environment. Instead of promoting conciliation it is stoking the flames of animosity. Instead of contributing to a more peaceful environment, it contributes to deepen the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

Regarding the Golan Heights, absurdity reaches new heights. Family visits to the Syrian motherland? What Syria? What Motherland?

Theater of the absurd it is, but I have yet to decide whether it is a farce or a tragedy.

Later today, the Council will appoint Stuart Michael Lynk as the Special Rapporteur. Again the fox will be given the task of guarding the henhouse. Another act in the theater of the absurd.

Mr. President,

Despite the Council and not because of it, we will achieve peace and reconciliation. And we will overcome the difficulties the Human Rights Council is creating on our path.

I wish to thank all countries that do not support these resolutions.

While the Council continues its absurd performances, we Israelis will work hard so that we can prosper, live in security and seek real peace.

Thank you, Mr. President.