



## **Statement on behalf of the State of Israel**

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**ID with the Commission of Inquiry on Syria**

Thank you Mr. President.

Israel wishes to thank the Commission of Inquiry on Syria for its oral update and to commend it for its hard work.

Israel observes with deep concern the ongoing horrible humanitarian tragedy in Syria. By watching the unbearable consequences of the fighting and by counting the endless number of the dead and refugees, one can conclude that the Syrian regime and ISIS are competing each other, who will use the most vicious methods to hurt as many innocent people as possible.

The Syrian regime keeps dropping barrel bombs on hospitals and using chemical weapon to massacre its own citizens. ISIS in its turn sends suicide bombers to blow themselves up among an innocent Allaweite population.

Israel is appalled by reports claiming that the Syrian regime is using starvation as a tool to punish and torture 900,000 from its own citizens among them women and children.

Israel strongly condemns Iran assisted by its proxy, the terror organization of Hezbollah, for its continuing efforts to undermine the region's stability by continuing sending troops and ammunition into Syria.

By upholding to this distorted strategy, and with no hesitation, Iran abuses the vulnerability of Afghan refugees by recruiting them and send them to be killed in the Syrian battlefield.

Mr. President .

With no ending of the Syrian bloodshed in sight, when its horrific humanitarian effects are being felt across the Middle East and Europe, it seems that the work of the COI was never more important.

Thank you.