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Vote on Item 7 Resolutions

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Very shortly the HRC will vote in favor of the 5 one-sided resolutions against Israel. These resolutions are a repetitive manifestation of the absurdity and cynicism of this Council.

Again and again we ask: where is the sense of priority of the HRC? Where is the sense of purpose? Where is its responsibility to act for the sake of the victims of human rights abuses and against their abusers?

Where is its moral compass ?

We reject these 5 resolutions in their entirety and we urge you strongly to remove the abominable Item 7 from the HRC's agenda. It should not exist!

This is the mirror of the cycle of absurdity and further undermines the credibility of this Council.

Mr. President,

The Human Rights Council has systematically been an inflammatory environment. Instead of promoting conciliation and contributing to a more constructive effort to advance compromise and peace, it contributes to deepen the conflicts between Israelis and Palestinians.

Absurdity reaches yet again new heights in the Golan Resolution. The Syrian regime is killing its own people and for the last 6 years the country is torn apart by a bloody civil war. This Council still votes on this ridiculous resolution.

Mr. President,

Despite the Council and not because of it, we will continue with our keen efforts to achieve peace, security and prosperity. 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 and in particular to our great friend and ally, the United States of America.

The voice of these countries will resonate loud and clear over the politicized chatter of this Council of Human Rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.