

## UN Human Rights Council 46<sup>th</sup> Session, Item 1

## **Adoption of Resolution: Item 2**

## Madam President,

This resolution may be presented under Item 2 but it still contains the same one-sided, distorted understanding of the situation on the ground like its Item 7 predecessors.

When I look through this resolution, I am amazed that members of the Council could ever consider this a fair and balanced resolution.

It does not reflect the reality on the ground, and if anything this resolution will contribute to the polarization of the conflict.

## Madam President.

How can this resolution reflect the reality on the ground when Hamas is not mentioned?

Hamas is a terrorist organisation that is responsible for the most abhorrent human rights abuses against Israelis and Palestinians alike.

In fact, to reflect the absurdity of this resolution, it only mentions terrorism and incitement when condemning Israel, and does not attribute any responsibility to Palestinian actors.

How can this resolution reflect the reality on the ground without mentioning the 100,000 trucks which entered Gaza from Israel carrying food, fuels, and more over the past year, or without mentioning the more than 2,000 tons of textiles, worth 65 million Shekels, exported from Gaza last year.

How can this resolution reflect the reality on the ground without mentioning the 140,000 medical permits given to Palestinians, to be treated in Israel, including 13,000 children?

How can it reflect reality without mentioning that it is the Palestinian Authority responsibility to vaccinate its own people, and that, despite this, Israel has facilitated the vaccination against COVID-19 for over 100,000 Palestinian workers?

How can this resolution not mention the positive cooperation between Israel and the PA in facing the pandemic throughout the past year?

Madam President,

This resolution does not reflect the reality on the ground, because that is not its purpose.

Its purpose is not to ensure accountability and justice, nor to objectively assess the human rights situation.

The sole purpose of this resolution, by those who wrote it and those who support it, is to negate Israel.

It is to paint a picture, to tell a story which the Palestinians continue to tell, one that does not reflect the reality.

Madam President,

Any member state who votes in favor of this resolution, and backs its narrative, cannot be an honest broker when it comes to peace in the Middle East.

Voting for this resolution is voting for a one-sided narrative, with the sole purpose of negating my country, while understanding that it has no impact on the ground.

Therefore, I call on Member States of this Council to vote NO to this resolution.

Thank you.