
**UN Human Rights Council
46th Session, Item 1**

Adoption of Resolutions: Item 7

Madam President,

15 years ago, the Human Rights Council was created. I was there during the deliberations in New York. They were full of hope, optimism and promise that this new council would be an improvement on its predecessor, and that the mistakes of the past would not be repeated.

However, with the creation of the Council, some States were eager to repeat mistakes of the past and copied this Item directly from the failed Commission.

This Item reflects a collective failure of this Council to fulfill its guiding principle of impartiality. It represents institutional bias and discrimination against one country, and singles out one situation from every other situation discussed at this Council.

15 years later, session after session, Item 7 comes up, and year after year resolutions are presented.

How can this Council continue to operate in this way?

How can states stand by and watch, every year, as blatant discrimination is directed against my country?

How can countries continue to vote in favor of these resolutions?

Item 7 was not created to improve the human rights of Palestinians, it was created to negate Israel and institutionalise hatred and bias against the only Jewish State.

As long as item 7 remains on the agenda of this Council, it represents a collective failure to address human rights in a fair and balanced manner, and in a manner which reflects the reality on the ground.

Madam President,

The removal of Item 7 will not happen unless States act. It will only be achieved by those with a conscience, those who identify not only the hatred that this Item encourages, but the deeper, more troubling reason for this institutionalized bias and hatred against Israel.

Therefore, I urge you all, right now, to take a stand, and vote against all resolutions presented under this Item.

A vote for any, is a vote for what they represent as a whole.

Thank you, Madam President.