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STATEMENT BY MS. ZALWANI ZAKAPLY, REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA, ON AGENDA ITEM 61: PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM, AND OF THE ARAB POPULATION IN THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AT THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE 66TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 26 OCTOBER 2011

Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia would like to thank the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the comprehensive report presented under this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

2. The report clearly highlighted that the occupation of Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, by Israel, continues to constrain the existence and successful functioning of institutions of the Palestinian Authority and contribute to the economic and social hardship of Palestinians.

3. The report also stated, and I quote "Between 1 February 2010 and 29 March 2011, 98 Palestinians were killed and 1,871 were injured by Israeli security forces and settlers. During the same period, 5 Israeli fatalities and 82 injuries were recorded as a result of the conflict. By the end of 2010, an estimated 6,000 Palestinians were detained in Israeli prisons, including 213 Palestinian children and 210 administrative detainees who are held without charge or trial", end of quote.

4. This data reflects that for every Israeli fatality, 19 Palestinian were killed and for every Israeli injury, 23 Palestinian were injured. These statistics evinced the serious repercussion of the Israeli illegal occupation in Palestine, where the lives of Palestinians, in the eyes of the leadership in Tel Aviv, have little or no value.

5. I would like to echo again the concern raised by H.E Anifah Aman, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia at the general debate recently, where he reiterated that year after year, Malaysia and the international community have hoped for a peaceful and just resolution of the Palestinian issue. This hope comes with a deep realization that mediation is the only means of providing a sustainable resolution to all conflicts and crises. Patience and prudence have its merits, but patience and prudence must not result in paralysis.

Mr. Chairman,

6. Although the General Assembly, and the Security Council, has adopted 180 resolutions on Palestine at the last count, yet there has been no tangible outcome in bringing this illegal occupation to a closure.

7. The Palestinians are being denied their rights to economic and sustainable development. Although the report presented under this agenda item and other reports that analyze the situation in Palestine acknowledged this situation, the international community, and the Security Council in particular, is still struggling to find a solution to this issue. It is a shame that we, people of the world, are unable to provide the economic rights to the Palestinians.

8. The Israeli actions have also jeopardized the economic and social development of the Syrian citizens in the occupied Syrian Golan, the occupation and the tightly closed crossing into the Syrian Arab Republic have created barriers to economic and social development in the Syrian Golan. Syrian citizens who wish to maintain their Syrian Arab identity were denied their economic rights and Israel has severely restricted prospects with regard to income generation.

Mr. Chairman,

9. Malaysia would like to reiterate our support for the application of the Palestine to become a full member of the United Nations and the resolution should be based on a two state solution, taking into consideration the security concerns of both parties.

10. It is to our hope that a peaceful solution to the crisis will provide an immediate end to the economic and social hardship to the people of Palestine and the occupied Syrian Golan.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.