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## Identical letters dated 26 October 2026 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I write to draw your urgent and immediate attention to Israel's dangerous escalation against the Palestinian civilian population across the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and most recently in Hebron, where the Israeli occupying forces continue to relentlessly and mercilessly inflict collective punishment and impose reprisal measures on Palestinian civilians.

This escalation is unfolding as Israel evidently exploits the suffering of our people in its electoral race, fuelling further escalation and killings. Meanwhile, the Israeli occupying forces continue to carry out daily lethal attacks, colonization measures, dehumanization of the Palestinian people and intensification of their blatant ethnic cleansing campaign across the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, including through escalating settler terror – all with total impunity and with the aim of uprooting our people from their homeland.

In this regard, and since Friday, 23 October, Israel has placed Hebron Governorate, in the southern occupied West Bank, under a strict military siege, subjecting nearly half a million defenceless Palestinian civilians to a comprehensive lockdown and military assault by the Israeli occupying forces, including forced displacement, demolition and destruction of homes and other structures, mass arrests, the abuse of Palestinians and the seizure of money and belongings, as well as the closure of the Ibrahimi Mosque sanctuary, while, at the same time, the cities and refugee camps across the northern West Bank continue to suffer the devastating consequences of Israel's forced displacement and widespread destruction.

In grave breach of international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention, Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its colonization of the Palestinian land, the confiscation and destruction of Palestinian property and de facto annexation, along with the accompanying crimes and assaults targeting Palestinian citizens, their properties and sanctities across the entire Palestinian territory occupied since 1967.

Since the onset of this aggression, and according to Hebron Municipality, the number of families that have been forcibly displaced from their homes in the besieged area, particularly in the areas of Deir Bahha and Al-Jalda, as a result of ongoing aggression perpetrated by the Israeli occupying forces has risen to 488 families and continues to rapidly mount amid the ongoing escalation. This comprises about 3,171 Palestinians, the majority of whom are women, children, elderly persons and patients, while the Israeli occupying forces continue to trap hundreds of others inside their homes in nearby neighbourhoods. This has been accompanied by the destruction of property and belongings in approximately 500 homes, as well as a widespread arrest campaign in the city centre and nearby towns, villages and refugee camps, during which dozens of Palestinian civilians have been detained and hundreds abused.

In fact, Israeli politicians and extremist leaders are openly threatening to replicate Israel's destructive, genocidal war on Gaza in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, while openly vowing to expel Palestinians from their land and shamelessly boasting about their illegal colonial schemes.

This is evident in the recent statements of the Israeli Prime Minister, who ordered a full-scale military escalation and lockdown across the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and declared that there is a "big surprise" awaiting the Palestinian Authority. At the same time, Israel's extremist Finance Minister – a settler himself – called for "a comprehensive military campaign … exactly like in Gaza and Lebanon" in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. These statements clearly expose Israel's intentions to uproot the Palestinian people from their land and dismantle their institutions, constituting yet another violation of international law and a further escalation of Israel's campaign against the Palestinian people and their very existence, in flagrant violation of international law.

These war crimes must be stopped. Israel's actions constitute grave breaches of international humanitarian law, including the prohibitions on collective punishment, reprisals, pillaging and forced transfer; a blatant violation of the human rights of our people; and a defiance of countless United Nations resolutions and the 2024 advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice.

Against this backdrop, the international community, including the Security Council, can no longer wait while Israel, the occupying Power, persists in carrying out its campaign of extermination against the Palestinian people and systematically extinguishing every possibility for the implementation of the two-State solution, the only viable solution to the question of Palestine, before the eyes of the entire world.

Accountability and consequences have therefore become more imperative now than ever. Serious and decisive measures must be taken at all levels, in accordance with international law, including an arms embargo and sanctions, to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to halt its military escalation and arbitrary measures in Hebron and throughout the occupied State of Palestine; end its policy of collective punishment, closures and isolation; hold accountable those responsible for these blatant crimes and violations; and adopt effective deterrent measures to ensure the protection of the Palestinian people, their rights and their sanctities and put an end to this prolonged injustice and this abhorrent settler colonial occupation and its ongoing flagrant violations of international law.

The present letter is in follow-up to our 892 previous letters regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which constitutes the territory of the State of Palestine. Those letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 8 September 2026 (A/ES-10/1062-S/2026/720), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of

these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations being committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter circulated to the Security Council members and distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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