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Mr. President,

In exercising the right of reply, my delegation wishes to respond again to the irrelevant and politically motivated references made in the statements of Belgian Foreign Minister as well as those of representatives of Slovenia, Portugal, Luxemburg and Denmark. Islamic Republic of Iran while strongly rejecting the unwarranted and irresponsible references made in those statements, considers them as merit less, unacceptable and counter productive.

Mr. President it is to be reiterated that certain parts of H.E President Ahmadinejad's statement which probably served as a pretext for the affore-mentioned countries to utter superfluous remarks were as a matter of fact his genuine attempt to shed light on historical facts and realities on the ground about the formation of illegitimate regime, massacres and atrocities it has committed in more than six decades of occupation.

Mr. President,

It is extremely alarming and ironic, as to how the members of the European Union and few other countries who constantly claimed to be at the forefront of the protection and safeguarding of human rights world over could possibly afford to be quite or indifferent towards the intentional and indiscriminate targeting of civilians by the occupying regime, who during 3 weeks of constant land, sea and aerial attacks, using unconventional weapons including phosphorous shells and bombs, execution of unarmed children, women and old people, targeting of ambulances, hospital, mosques and U.N offices in Gaza, committed crimes against humanity so much for their cynical criticism and protest vis a vis my President' statement.

Mr. President,

The boycotting of this extremely important and historical conference on racism and racial discrimination by certain countries and walkout and absence of some other who incidentally in a very summarily and arbitrarily manner criticized my president's remarks, is not only highly regrettable but will bear with it long term ramifications including the resentful objection of all those individuals who are presently the victims of racism. They will equally be kept accountable by future generations who shall never be able to understand, justify or forgive the non cooperative counterproductive and irresponsible attitude of those who decided not to participate or to walk out of the conference.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.