Statement by the Delegation of Malaysia Following the Presentation of the Report by the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian Occupied Territories Since 1967.

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Mr. President,

My delegation thanks Mr. John Dugard for his report and presentation.

2. Malaysia is deeply concerned with the continuing deteriorating human rights situation faced by the Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. * Atrocities continue to be committed with impunity by the Israelis, the persecution and humiliation of the Palestinian people continue unabated.

*Those living under the Israeli occupation have to endure the suffering and hardship as their rights continue to be violated by the Occupating Power.

3. The Palestinian problem has been with us for far too long and represents

one of, if not the sole, the root causes for the regional and international instability. The international community must endeavour to find a final solution to end, once and for all, the grave injustice inflicted on the Palestinian people. We must approach the problem with a greater sense of urgency and commitment. We must garner all our efforts to ensure that the human rights violations and abuses as manifested by the acts of state terrorism of the Israeli aggressors are stopped. Israel must abide by its obligations as provided for under the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and other international humanitarian law.

Mr. President,

6. We would encourage Mr. Dugard to continue his independent and objective work to bring to the fore all human rights violations committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. We see that the particular mandate that is held

by Mr. Dugard will continue to be relevant until there is an end to the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian Territories, as provided for in the resolution establishing this mandate.

Thank you.