



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

STATEMENT

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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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ON ITEM 2:

**INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON THE REPORT OF THE COI ON THE HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE**

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Mr President,

Uganda aligns with the statement of the NAM.

We remain concerned of the worsening situation unfolding in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The continued loss of civilian lives, the humanitarian crisis and destruction of property is deeply disturbing.

Uganda joins calls for an immediate ceasefire, the safeguarding of civilians, and the upholding of international humanitarian law, without which the situation will get worse.

We condemn the targeting of civilians and non-combatants by the belligerents and call for the release of all captives.

The humanitarian impact of the conflict on civilian populations demands urgent attention. We call for greater access of humanitarian assistance to the affected people and further call on the international community to increase humanitarian assistance and support to Gaza, to alleviate the current situation.

Our worry is that recent developments, risk impeding all efforts for a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian question.

As grim as it is now, the international community, regional actors, the parties, and all of us, must exert all efforts to pursue a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

This should be based on the relevant UN resolutions to achieve a two-State solution, with Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security.

Thank you.