



General Assembly

Distr.: General
30 March 2026

Original: English

Human Rights Council

Sixty-first session

23 February–31 March 2026

Agenda item 2

**Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner
for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the
High Commissioner and the Secretary-General**

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 27 March 2026

61/4. Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid and all other relevant conventions, and affirming that these international conventions and human rights instruments are, among others, applicable to and must be respected in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

Recalling also the relevant rules and principles of international law, including international humanitarian law, in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949 (Fourth Geneva Convention), and customary international law, which are applicable to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

Recalling further the statement of 15 July 1999 and the declarations adopted on 5 December 2001 and 17 December 2014 at the Conference of High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention on measures to enforce the Convention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Human Rights Council, the General Assembly and the Security Council,

Recalling also relevant United Nations reports, including the outcome reports of fact-finding missions and commissions of inquiry, and the important recommendations made therein, and calling upon all duty bearers and United Nations bodies to pursue the implementation of those recommendations,

Recalling further the advisory opinion rendered on 22 October 2025 by the International Court of Justice on the obligations of Israel in relation to the presence and activities of the United Nations, other international organizations and third States in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and the Court's determination, inter alia, that



Israel, as the occupying Power, is under an obligation to ensure full respect for the privileges and immunities accorded to the United Nations, including its entities and personnel, and to refrain from any interference with the performance of their functions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and is prohibited from taking actions against United Nations officials and experts on missions operating in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory,

Affirming, in accordance with the advisory opinion of 22 October 2025 by the International Court of Justice, that Israel, as the occupying Power has an obligation under international human rights law to respect, protect and fulfil the human rights of the population of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including through the presence and activities of the United Nations, other international organizations and third States, in and in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory,

Stressing the need for all parties, in conformity with relevant provisions of international humanitarian law, to cooperate fully with the United Nations and other humanitarian agencies and organizations, to allow full, timely, unconditional, unhindered and safe humanitarian access and to ensure access for humanitarian personnel and the delivery of supplies and equipment in order to allow such personnel to efficiently perform their task of assisting affected civilian populations, including refugees and internally displaced persons, and the need for the independence, neutrality and impartiality of humanitarian organizations to be respected and protected in accordance with international law,

Recalling the advisory opinion rendered on 19 July 2024 by the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Court's determination, inter alia, that the continued presence of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful and that Israel is under an obligation to bring to an end its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as rapidly as possible, and its reaffirmation that the Israeli settlements and the regime associated with them have been established and are being maintained in violation of international law,

Recalling also the advisory opinion rendered on 9 July 2004 by the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the construction of a wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and in particular the Court's determination that the construction of the wall being built by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, and its associated regime are contrary to international law, and that Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations is not applicable to cases where the threat originates from a territory over which Israel exercises control, as an occupying Power,

Recalling further the order of the International Court of Justice of 26 January 2024 that indicated provisional measures in the case lodged by South Africa against Israel on the application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (*South Africa v. Israel*) in relation to the right of the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip to be protected from all acts within the scope of articles II and III of the Convention,

Recalling the assessment of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel that Israel has no intention of ending its occupation and is acting to alter the demography of the Occupied Palestinian Territory through the maintenance of a repressive environment for Palestinians and a favourable environment for Israeli settlers and that it is incrementally annexing the territory,¹

Expressing grave concern at unlawful legislative and administrative measures adopted by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including recent decisions in 2026 to impose Israeli land registration procedures in the occupied West Bank for the first time since 1967, to reclassify extensive areas of occupied Palestinian territory as Israeli "state land", to abolish existing prohibitions on the transfer and sale of occupied land to Israeli settlers, and to consolidate Israeli control over land administration, planning and enforcement throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, entrenching Israel's unlawful presence and deepening de facto annexation, in violation of international law, and recalling that Israel, as the occupying

¹ See A/79/232, A/HRC/50/21, A/HRC/53/22 and A/HRC/56/26.

Power, has no sovereign rights over the Occupied Palestinian Territory and that unilateral measures to change the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure or status of the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, or any part thereof have no legal validity and that Israel's policy and practices of settling parts of its population and new immigrants in those territories constitute a flagrant violation of the Geneva Convention relative to the protection of Civilian persons in Times of War and also constitute a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, as affirmed by the International Court of Justice and relevant United Nations resolutions,

Reaffirming the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force and the prohibition of all policies and practices of systemic discrimination on the basis, inter alia, of race, religion or ethnic origin, and expressing deep concern at the fragmentation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, through settlement activities and other measures that are tantamount to de facto annexation of Palestinian land,

Stressing the urgency of achieving without delay an end to the unlawful presence of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

Affirming the obligation of all parties to respect international humanitarian law and international human rights law,

Reaffirming the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples for independence, territorial integrity, national unity and liberation from colonial and foreign domination and foreign occupation in accordance with international law,

Recalling that collective punishment, forcible transfer, the targeting of civilians and civilian objects, the use of starvation as a means of warfare and the blocking of access to humanitarian aid constitute war crimes and that incitement to genocide and the commission of genocide and of crimes of aggression are international crimes,

Deploring plans, policies and actions aimed at displacing the Palestinian people individually or collectively, inside or outside their homeland, or at forced displacement, exile or deportation of any form, under any circumstances and for whatever reason, which constitute a grave violation of international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention,

Emphasizing the obligation of States to investigate and prosecute grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and other serious violations of international humanitarian law, to end impunity, to uphold their obligations, to ensure respect and to promote international accountability,

Expressing deep concern that the sale, diversion and transfer of arms and jet fuel increase the ability of Israel, the occupying Power, to commit serious violations, including attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructures, disregard international law and seriously undermine the enjoyment of human rights,

Expressing regret at the lack of progress made in the conduct of domestic investigations in accordance with international law standards, and aware of the existence of numerous legal, procedural and practical obstacles in the Israeli and Palestinian civil and criminal legal systems contributing to the denial of access to justice for Palestinian victims and of their right to an effective judicial remedy,

Noting the accession by the State of Palestine to several human rights treaties and the core international humanitarian law treaties, and its accession on 2 January 2015 to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,

Expressing grave concern that long-standing impunity for international law violations has allowed for the recurrence of grave breaches and serious violations without consequence, and stressing the need to ensure accountability for all violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in order to end impunity, ensure the access of victims to justice and effective remedies, deter further violations, protect civilians and promote peace,

Expressing grave concern also at reports of serious human rights violations and grave breaches of international humanitarian law, including of possible war crimes and crimes against humanity, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and all

other actions designed to change the legal status, geographical character and demographic composition of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and at the determination on 26 January 2024 and thereafter by the International Court of Justice that there is an urgency, in the sense that there is a real and imminent risk that irreparable prejudice will be caused to the rights of the Palestinians to be protected under the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,

Stressing that early recovery and reconstruction plans must aim to achieve, inter alia, the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people and ensure their right to return and right to self-determination, including, among other measures, the participation of the Palestinian people in the design and implementation of such plans as a concrete expression of these rights,

Expressing grave concern at the documented use of sexual violence, including rape, sexual harassment and public humiliation, as a tool of oppression against Palestinians, and recognizing the findings of the Commission of Inquiry with regard to the targeting of women and girls, particularly through attacks on maternity hospitals, the denial of reproductive healthcare and the use of starvation as a method of warfare, with specific impacts on maternal health,

Deploring the grave consequences of the conflict in and around the Gaza Strip, including the high number of casualties, in particular among Palestinian civilians, including infants, children, women, youth, civil society actors, lawyers, journalists and other media workers, medical personnel, humanitarian aid workers and the highest number of United Nations staff killed anywhere in the world during a conflict, as well as ongoing violations of international law, and calling for full respect for international humanitarian law and international human rights law and for the principles of legality, distinction, precaution and proportionality,

Appalled by the catastrophic humanitarian, socioeconomic and security situation in the Gaza Strip resulting from repeated military operations, prolonged closures and severe economic impediments and movement restrictions, including for humanitarian access, amounting to collective punishment in the form of a blockade, as well as the use of starvation as a method of warfare, which has resulted in famine, and the obstruction of supplies indispensable for the survival of the civilian population, the widespread and wanton destruction of residential areas and critical civilian infrastructure, including refugee camps, United Nations facilities, educational institutions, medical facilities, water, sanitation and telecommunication networks and fuel supplies by Israel, the occupying Power, and the short- and long-term detrimental impact of this situation on human rights,

Expressing grave concern at the firing of rockets into Israel,

Stressing the need to end immediately the closure of the Gaza Strip, by Israel, and all policies and practices of siege, and the policy of closures and the imposition of severe restrictions and checkpoints throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, several of which have been transformed into structures akin to permanent border crossings, other physical obstacles and a permit regime, which are applied in a discriminatory manner, affecting the Palestinian population only, and all of which obstruct the freedom of movement of persons and goods, including medical and humanitarian goods, throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and further impair the Territory's contiguity, violating the human rights of the Palestinian people, in violation of international law, including its obligations as the occupying Power under international humanitarian law,

Deploring all policies and practices whereby Israeli settlers who reside illegally in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, are accorded preferential treatment over the Palestinian population, and deploring also the widespread violations of the human rights of Palestinian civilians, including as a result of recurrent and escalating terror attacks by settlers, including those armed by government officials, which are conducted with full impunity,

Expressing deep concern that thousands of Palestinians, including many children, women, elected members of the Palestinian Legislative Council and human rights defenders, continue to be detained, including under terms of administrative detention, with limited or

no judicial recourse, and held in Israeli prisons or detention centres under harsh conditions, including unhygienic conditions, solitary confinement, restricted access to proper medical care, denial of family visits and denial of due process, which impair their well-being, and appalled by the ill-treatment, harassment and torture of Palestinian prisoners and all reports of inhumane treatment and torture, including widespread sexual violence, particularly against women and girls,

Expressing grave concern at draft legislative proposals before the Israeli Knesset to impose mandatory death sentences under certain circumstances exclusively on Palestinians, which would constitute discrimination on the basis of nationality or ethnicity and violate the rights to life and equality before the law and to a fair trial, in breach of Israel's obligations under international human rights law, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as well as international humanitarian law,

Recalling the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules) and the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules), and calling for respect for those rules,

Recalling also the prohibition under international humanitarian law of individual and mass forcible transfers, and of the deportation of protected persons, from occupied territory, and the prohibition of the deportation or transfer by the occupying Power of parts of its own civilian population into the territory that it occupies,

Deploring the practice of withholding the bodies of those killed, and calling for the release of the bodies that have not yet been returned to their relatives, in accordance with international humanitarian law and international human rights law,

Recognizing the work of Palestinian, Israeli and international civil society actors, lawyers, journalists and other media workers, humanitarian agencies and human rights defenders in documenting and countering violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and deploring the deliberate targeting of protected persons by Israel, the occupying Power,

Recalling the orders of the International Court of Justice of 26 January 2024 and subsequent orders requiring Israel to take all measures within its power to prevent acts of genocide against Palestinians, and to ensure the preservation of evidence related to allegations of such acts, and, in this regard, affirming the vital role of individuals and civil society institutions, including non-governmental organizations, groups and national human rights institutions, as well as the importance of fundamental freedoms, in supporting documentation, preservation of evidence and independent monitoring relevant to compliance with the Court's orders,

Deeply concerned by the continued restrictions imposed by Israel on foreign journalists' independent access to the Gaza Strip, and noting the pending decision of the so-called Supreme Court of Israel on this matter, which may entrench such limitations, with serious implications for press freedom and the right to seek, receive and impart independent and reliable information on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,

Expressing deep concern that disinformation spread by States and State-sponsored actors, including international media outlets, can accompany serious violations of international law and can have a negative impact on the enjoyment of human rights, in particular in times of armed conflict, and underlining the importance of free, independent, plural and diverse media to counter disinformation and misinformation,

Convinced of the need for an international presence to monitor the situation, to contribute to ending the violence and protecting the Palestinian civilian population and to help the parties to implement the agreements reached, and stressing the importance of Palestinian, Israeli and international non-governmental organizations, which have been instrumental in human rights monitoring, protection and relief efforts undertaken by the international community, and expressing concern about the decision taken by Israel to proscribe, ban or smear certain non-governmental organizations,

1. *Demands* that Israel, the occupying Power, end its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, as rapidly as possible, and stresses that all efforts to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict must be grounded in respect for international humanitarian law and international human rights law and relevant United Nations resolutions, and preserves the unity, contiguity and integrity of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem;

2. *Also demands* that Israel immediately lift its illegal blockade on the Gaza Strip and all other forms of collective punishment and siege;

3. *Deplores* violations of the ceasefire agreement and calls for respect for and the full implementation of the agreement, in all its phases, including unimpeded humanitarian assistance and the urgent restoration of basic necessities to the Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip, including to allow for their return to all parts of Gaza and for recovery and reconstruction efforts to begin immediately;

4. *Calls upon* all States to take immediate action to prevent the continued forcible transfer of Palestinians within or from the Gaza Strip, in compliance with their obligations under international law;

5. *Condemns* the use of starvation of civilians as a method of warfare in the Gaza Strip, the unlawful denial of humanitarian access, the wilful impeding of relief supplies and the deprivation of objects indispensable to the survival of civilians, including food, water, electricity, fuel and telecommunications, by Israel, the occupying Power;

6. *Expresses grave concern* at statements by Israeli officials, and recalls the order on provisional measures issued by the International Court of Justice on 26 January 2024 under which Israel shall take all measures within its power to prevent and punish the direct and public incitement to commit genocide in relation to members of the Palestinian group in the Gaza Strip;

7. *Deplores* the ongoing policy of Israel of imposing severe punitive measures on the Palestinian people, leadership and civil society, and calls upon Israel to end and reverse its practice of “withholding” Palestinian tax revenues;

8. *Stresses* the imperative of credible, timely and comprehensive accountability for all violations of international law, including through appropriate follow-up to the implementation of the advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice, in order to attain justice for victims and establish a just and sustainable peace;

9. *Welcomes* the ongoing investigation by the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court into the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and looks forward to its continuation, with a view to ensuring accountability for the crimes under the Court’s jurisdiction;

10. *Urges* all States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to uphold their international legal obligations to cooperate fully with the International Criminal Court to enforce its arrest warrant against those who have allegedly committed war crimes and crimes against humanity;

11. *Concerned* by acts of intimidation, threats, sanctions, reprisals or other coercive measures against judges, prosecutors, other officials and staff of the International Criminal Court, United Nations mandate holders and those cooperating with them, as they are incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with the obligation of States to respect the independence, objectivity and proper functioning of international judicial and human rights mechanisms, in accordance with their respective mandates, and calls upon all States to refrain from and rescind any such measures;

12. *Calls upon* Israel to revoke all unsubstantiated designations of Palestinian human rights and humanitarian organizations as terrorist or unlawful organizations and to refrain from using anti-terrorism legislation to undermine civil society and its valuable work and contributions to the pursuit of accountability;

13. *Affirms* that undue restrictions imposed by States on peaceful protests and civil society working to protect human rights and advocating for respect of international law in

the context of the military assault on the Gaza Strip run contrary to the obligations of States under international law;

14. *Calls for* an end to all ongoing policies of harassment, threats, intimidation and reprisals, detention, expulsion and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, against human rights defenders, journalists, media workers and civil society actors and their families, who peacefully advocate for the rights of the Palestinian people, including by cooperating with United Nations human rights bodies, calls for their protection, and underscores the need to investigate all such acts and to ensure accountability and effective remedies;

15. *Reiterates* that all measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in violation of the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949 (Fourth Geneva Convention), and contrary to the relevant resolutions of the Security Council are illegal and have no validity;

16. *Affirms* that no State shall recognize as lawful a situation created by a serious breach by a State of an obligation arising under a peremptory norm of general international law, nor render aid or assistance in maintaining that situation, and that all States shall cooperate to bring to an end through lawful means any serious breach;

17. *Deplores* the grave violations of multiple peremptory norms by Israel, and calls upon all States to ensure that their arms exports do not contribute to or benefit from this unlawful situation;

18. *Calls upon* all States to cease the sale, transfer and diversion of arms, munitions and other military equipment to Israel, the occupying Power, in order to prevent further violations of international humanitarian law and violations and abuses of human rights, and to refrain, in accordance with international norms and standards, from the export, sale or transfer of surveillance goods and technologies and less-lethal weapons, including “dual-use” items, when they assess that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that such goods, technologies or weapons might be used to violate or abuse human rights, and recalls the order of the International Court of Justice of 26 January 2024;

19. *Deplores* the persistent non-cooperation of Israel with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council and other United Nations mechanisms seeking to investigate alleged violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and calls for its full cooperation with the Council and all its special procedures, relevant mechanisms and inquiries and with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

20. *Demands* that Israel grant immediate access to the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council and the Office of the High Commissioner;

21. *Also demands* that Israel, the occupying Power, cease all illegal actions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, including the establishment and expansion of settlements; the demolition of privately owned and residential structures belonging to Palestinians, including punitive home demolitions; the forcible transfer of Palestinian inhabitants and the revocation of residency permits of Palestinians living in East Jerusalem through various discriminatory laws; excavations in and around religious and historic sites; and all other unilateral measures aimed at altering the character, status and demographic composition of the territory as a whole, all of which have, inter alia, a grave and detrimental impact on the human rights of the Palestinian people and the prospects for a just and peaceful settlement;

22. *Calls upon* Israel to rescind immediately recent decisions by the Israeli Cabinet to expand the declaration of so-called “state land” in the West Bank and to transfer additional powers of the Civil Administration to Israeli civilian authorities, and other measures that consolidate Israeli control over land administration, planning and enforcement throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory;

23. *Demands* that Israel, the occupying Power, comply with its legal obligations under international law, as mentioned by the International Court of Justice in its advisory opinion rendered on 9 July 2004 and demanded by the General Assembly in its resolutions ES-10/13 of 21 October 2003 and ES-10/15 of 20 July 2004, and that it immediately cease the construction of the wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, dismantle forthwith the structure situated therein, repeal or render ineffective all legislative and regulatory acts relating thereto, and make reparation for all damage caused by the construction of the wall, which has had a grave impact on the human rights and the socioeconomic living conditions of the Palestinian people;

24. *Calls upon* Israel to immediately cease demolition or plans for demolition that would result in the continued forcible transfer or forced eviction of Palestinians, to facilitate the return of Palestinian families and communities already subjected to forcible transfer or eviction to their original dwellings and to ensure adequate housing and legal security of tenure;

25. *Expresses grave concern* at the restrictions imposed by Israel that impede the access of Christian and Muslim worshippers to holy sites in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and calls upon Israel to ensure non-discrimination on grounds of religion or belief and the preservation of and peaceful access to all religious sites;

26. *Reaffirms* the responsibility of Israel, the occupying Power, to respect the right to health of all persons within the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and to facilitate the immediate, sustained and unfettered passage of humanitarian relief, including the access of medical personnel, the entry of humanitarian equipment, transport and supplies to all areas under occupation and the granting of exit permits for patients in need of medical treatment outside the Gaza Strip, and stresses the need for the unhindered passage of ambulances at checkpoints, especially in times of conflict;

27. *Urges* Israel to end its discriminatory water resource allocation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in the Jordan Valley area, which has been affected by the destruction of the wells of local civilians, roof water tanks and other water and irrigation facilities under military and settler operation since 1967;

28. *Demands* that Israel, the occupying Power, comply fully with international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and that it cease all measures and actions taken in breach of these bodies of law, as well as the use of discriminatory legislation, policies and actions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, that violate the human rights of the Palestinian people, including those carried out as collective punishment in violation of international humanitarian law, and its obstruction of humanitarian assistance and of independent and impartial actions of civil society;

29. *Affirms* that the regime of comprehensive restrictions imposed by Israel on Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, constitutes systemic discrimination on the basis, inter alia, of race, religion or ethnic origin;

30. *Recalls* the conclusion of the International Court of Justice, in its advisory opinion of 19 July 2024, that Israeli legislation and measures targeting Palestinians amount to prohibited discrimination in violation of article 3 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, under which States Parties undertake to prevent, prohibit and eradicate all practices of racial segregation and apartheid in territories under their jurisdiction;

31. *Demands* that Israel take immediate measures to prohibit and eradicate all policies and practices of systemic discrimination on the basis, inter alia, of race, religion or ethnic origin, which severely and disproportionately affect the Palestinian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, by terminating the system of segregated roads for the exclusive use of the Israeli population, the settlement enterprise and the restrictions on the freedom of movement of Palestinians and by dismantling the illegal wall;

32. *Reaffirms* that criticism of violations of international law by Israel should not be conflated with antisemitism;

33. *Reiterates* the need for respect for the territorial unity, contiguity and integrity of all of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and for guarantees of the freedom of movement of persons and goods, including for patients in need of critical medical treatment, within the Palestinian territory, including movement into and from East Jerusalem, into and from the Gaza Strip, between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and to and from the outside world;

34. *Condemns* all acts of violence, including all acts of terror, provocation, incitement and destruction, including unlawful lethal and other excessive use of force by Israeli occupying forces against Palestinian civilians, including against civilians with special protected status under international law and who pose no imminent threat to life;

35. *Also condemns* the use of explosive weapons with wide-area effects by Israel in populated areas in the Gaza Strip and the use of artificial intelligence to aid military decision-making that may contribute to the commission of international crimes;

36. *Expresses grave concern* at the reverberating effects of the use of explosive weapons on hospitals, schools, water, electricity and shelter, which are affecting millions of Palestinians;

37. *Condemns* the firing of rockets against Israeli civilian areas, resulting in loss of life and injury, and calls for an end to all actions by militants and armed groups contrary to international law;

38. *Also condemns* the targeting of civilians, including on 7 October 2023, and demands the immediate release of all persons arbitrarily detained and victims of enforced disappearance and immediate humanitarian access to detainees in line with international law;

39. *Calls upon* all States to abide by international law and all High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention to respect and ensure respect for international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in accordance with article 1 common to the Geneva Conventions, and to fulfil their obligations under articles 146, 147 and 148 of the Fourth Geneva Convention with regard to penal sanctions, grave breaches and the responsibilities of the High Contracting Parties;

40. *Deplores* the legislation adopted by the Knesset on 28 October 2024 and on 29 December 2025, and the attacks on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East premises, including the demolishing of its compound in East Jerusalem, and calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to comply fully with its obligations as affirmed by the International Court of Justice in its advisory opinion of 22 October 2025, including the obligation to respect and protect the privileges and immunities of the United Nations and its agencies, including the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, its premises and personnel, to ensure that no measures are taken that obstruct or impair the functioning of United Nations entities operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and to uphold its responsibility to allow and facilitate rapid and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief for civilians in need into and throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including the entire Gaza Strip;

41. *Condemns* the recent deregistration of humanitarian International non-governmental organizations operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, pursuant to newly imposed Israeli registration requirements, which undermine the delivery of life-saving assistance and are incompatible with Israel's obligations, as affirmed by the International Court of Justice in its advisory opinion of 22 October 2025, emphasizes that this registration regime infringes upon Palestinian sovereignty in its Territory, and calls upon Israel to revoke such measures without delay;

42. *Urges* all States to continue to provide emergency assistance, including humanitarian relief and development assistance, to the Palestinian people to alleviate the financial crisis and the dire socioeconomic and humanitarian situation, particularly in the Gaza Strip, emphasizes the vital role of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East in providing basic and necessary services for millions of Palestinians in the region, and calls upon all States to ensure that the Agency receives predictable sustained and sufficient funding to fulfil its mandate, pending the just resolution

of the question of Palestine refugees, in line with international law and the relevant resolutions;

43. *Expresses concern* at the spread of disinformation and propaganda, including in the context of digital technologies, which can be designed and implemented to mislead, to violate human rights, including the right to freedom of expression, to spread hatred, racism, xenophobia, negative stereotyping and stigmatization and to incite violence, discrimination or hostility, and emphasizes the important role of journalists in countering this trend and ensuring accountability;

44. *Expresses deep concern* at the conditions of Palestinian prisoners and detainees, including minors, in Israeli jails and detention centres and at the continued use of administrative detention, and calls upon Israel to explicitly prohibit torture, including psychological torture, and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, to fully respect and abide by its obligations under international law towards all Palestinian prisoners and detainees in its custody, including by restoring and guaranteeing regular, unhindered access for the International Committee of the Red Cross, and ensuring access to medical care and vaccinations, to implement fully the agreement reached in May 2012 for a prompt and independent investigation into all cases of death in custody and to release immediately all Palestinian prisoners, including Palestinian legislators, detained in violation of international law;

45. *Demands* that Israel refrain from advancing, adopting or implementing legislative measures that would constitute discrimination on the basis of nationality or ethnicity and violate the rights to life and equality before the law and to a fair trial, including draft legislative proposals to impose mandatory death sentences, in particular those imposed exclusively on Palestinians;

46. *Also demands* that Israel cease its policy of transferring prisoners from the Occupied Palestinian Territory into the territory of Israel and respect fully its obligations under article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention;

47. *Reaffirms* that children shall be the object of special respect and shall be protected against any form of indecent assault, emphasizes that any arrest, detention or trial of Palestinian children by Israel is in violation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and notes that the Israeli policy of holding criminal proceedings against children in military courts is illegal, falls short of providing the necessary guarantees to ensure respect for their rights and infringes upon their right to non-discrimination;

48. *Calls upon* Israel, in line with its obligations under international law, to take immediate and effective measures to prevent, investigate and prosecute, in a prompt, independent and impartial manner, acts of violence, forced displacement, destruction of property and other abuses committed by Israeli settlers against Palestinian civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, to dismantle structures and policies that facilitate or enable such violations, to ensure full accountability for perpetrators without discrimination or preferential treatment, and to provide effective remedies and full reparations to victims;

49. *Also calls upon* all States, consistent with their obligations under international law, to ensure accountability for serious violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, including international crimes, perpetrated by Israeli settlers against Palestinian civilians, through appropriate legal measures;

50. *Emphasizes* the need to ensure that all those responsible for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law are held to account through appropriate, fair and independent national or international criminal justice mechanisms and to ensure the provision of an effective remedy for all victims, including full reparations, and stresses the need to pursue practical steps towards these goals to ensure justice for all victims and to contribute to the prevention of future violations and international crimes;

51. *Reiterates* its request to the Commission of Inquiry, as mandated by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 55/28 of 5 April 2024 and resolution 58/2 of 2 April 2025, to report on both the direct and the indirect transfer or sale of arms, munitions, parts, components and dual-use items to Israel, the occupying Power, including those that have

been used during the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip since 7 October 2023, and to analyse the legal consequences of these transfers, applying international humanitarian law, customary international law related to State responsibility and the Arms Trade Treaty, where applicable, and requests, instead, that the report be submitted to the Council at its sixty-seventh session;

52. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-fourth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue;

53. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

*51st meeting
27 March 2026*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 24 to 4, with 19 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Angola, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, Mauritius, Mexico, Pakistan, Qatar, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Viet Nam

Against:

Bulgaria, Czechia, Ethiopia, North Macedonia,

Abstaining:

Albania, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, France, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Republic of Korea, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland]