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Mr. President

The implications of Israeli air strikes and ground invasion have gone beyond the destruction of infrastructure loss of innocent people's life; more than 1300 people were killed, more than half of them are women, children and elderly, more than 3500 people were wounded, half of them are children and women. The massive scale destruction of buildings, houses, schools, clinics and other infrastructure is shocking. Rescue teams pulled more than 100 bodies from the rubble of previously inaccessible areas.

The devastating psychological consequences of the Israel air strikes and ground invasion appear in the social and culture fabrics of Palestinians, their identity and their values system. They have experienced oppression, multiple, repetitive, continuous traumatic experiences and massive destruction. People are forced to leave their houses as internally displaced for the second and thirds times, which represents society at large. More than 2/3 of the Palestinians women and children are suffering from trauma reactions.

According to the charter of the United Nations, the promotion and protection of human rights is one of its main duties. In fulfilling this duty, the HRC is responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights in the world.

With regards to the 9th special session of Human rights council through resolution A/HRC/S-9/L1 (12 January 2009) Israel in the occupied Palestinian territory particularly in the occupied Gaza Strip in its military operation carried out massive violation of HR & systematic destruction of the Gaza infrastructure.

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The charitable institute for protecting social victims emphasizes on the necessity to respect international humanitarian law and formation of an independent fact finding delegation which indicate the actions of the council to be on the same side as its written duties with regards to the Palestine, seriously calls upon the council to deliver an independent report on "psychological and mental trauma of Palestinian women and children specially Gaza strip"