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Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

2. Bangladesh supports the decision resolution proposed by Palestine. Bangladesh would like to be added in the list of cosponsors of the resolution. At the same time, we would like to confirm that Bangladesh does not support the amendment proposed by Israel.

3. Bangladesh condemns in strongest possible term the ongoing most barbaric attacks in Gaza by Israel on unarmed civilians of Palestine including women and children, shelter and basic amenities of life. We express our deepest condolence at the loss of lives of thousands of Palestinians including women and children, and the health and United Nations personnel due to these attacks. We are alarmed at intense overcrowding in shelters, attacks on them, dire situation of hospitals and other medical facilities, and obstruction of fuel and other supplies.

4. Bangladesh urgently calls for:

4.1 First, unfettered passage for humanitarian relief, supplies and equipment including access of medical personnel and ambulances;

4.3 Second, supply and replenishment of medicine, medical supplies and equipment;

4.4 Protection of all medical and humanitarian personnel as per the Geneva Convention of 1949 and their Additional Protocols of 1977 and 2005, and under relevant customary international law; and

4.5 Finally, mapping of the way forward by WHO based on the destruction of the health facilities and other relevant amenities in the OPT.

5. We call upon the DG to continue lifesaving health services from WHO to Gaza and OPT.

6. While Israel as the occupying power should be held accountable for all violations of international humanitarian laws, an immediate end to illegal occupation is the precondition for a lasting solution of the protracted situation in Palestine. Hence, we urge upon the international community to use the path of dialogue and diplomacy to end the ongoing war of aggression as well as occupation by Israel.

7. Bangladesh supports the resolution.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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