



MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

By the

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND CHILD CARE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE**

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On

**HEALTH CONDITIONS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN
TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM AND IN THE
OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN**

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President of the 77th World Health Assembly;

- The Republic of Zimbabwe aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the 47 Member States of the WHO AFRO Region.
- Indeed, the health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem and in the occupied Syrian Golan continue to be a source of great concern, particularly in the wake of the escalation of hostilities between Israel and Hamas.
- My delegation wishes to express its profound sadness regarding the loss of life, the unmitigated suffering and trauma as well as the disproportionate use of force and destruction of property, which is taking place within occupied Palestinian territories. The scale and magnitude of destruction is unimaginable.
- The Republic of Zimbabwe commends the World Health Organisation for the important and critical work that it has been undertaking with regard to the provision of health services, technical assistance, coordination of humanitarian assistance and the continuous assessment of the needs in respect of emergency preparedness and response. We call upon the WHO to further strengthen its efforts in addressing all vulnerabilities and barriers to health access.

- In conclusion, Zimbabwe underscores the fact that in the quest to rebuild a resilient economy within the occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan, life and livelihood require and indeed deserve peace, security and massive international investment and support. It is therefore imperative that the illegality, the brutality and indeed the tragedy of occupation must be addressed by the international community as a critical component of any solution to the complex situation in those troubled lands.
- We support the draft Decision tabled by the State of Palestine and will be voting in favour thereof.

I thank you.