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Mr. President,

We were hoping not to speak yet again under this Item, but since some delegations have what appears to be an obsession with Israel, we are compelled to react.

I want to be very clear.

Israel has the right, and indeed the obligation, to protect and defend its population and territory by taking all legitimate measures to secure the release of the 50 Israeli hostages still held in Gaza by the terrorists, and neutralize the threat it is facing on seven fronts.

Israel has, is, and will, do so in accordance with international humanitarian law.

Israel will continue to defend its citizens from the deadly terrorist organizations that slaughtered our citizens, as any other country would do.

This war can end today, if the terrorist organization of Hamas decides to release the hostages and lay down its arms.

As a people who have experienced Genocide, we call for caution on the excessive use of the word Genocide, in order to ensure that such horrors do not occur again.

Thanks Mr. President