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II. Human rights and conflict

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26. The terrible escalation of violence in the occupied Palestinian territories and Israel led to a special sitting of the Commission on Human Rights during its fifty-eighth session. The Commission recognized the need to respond to the severe loss of life of both Palestinians and Israelis and to the spiralling violence that raised fundamental challenges for the observance of international human rights and humanitarian law. It requested me to undertake a “visiting mission”, but the necessary agreement of the Israeli authorities was not forthcoming. As a result, the Commission urgently requested me to submit a fact-finding report and I reported to the Commission on the basis of existing information. The Commission is keeping the situation under review.

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