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President : Mr. Jeremić (Serbia)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Kamau (Kenya), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 70

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

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(b) Assistance to the Palestinian people

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/67/84](#))

Draft resolution ([A/67/L.38](#))

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Mr. Rachmianto (Indonesia):

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My delegation is delighted to once again join the consensus on draft resolution A/67/L.38, on assistance to the Palestinian people, which inherently underscores the commitment of States to providing assistance to the Palestinian people. The sustained support of international donors, working in collaboration with the two parties, Israel and Palestine, is essential in order to improve Palestinian economic and social infrastructures and meet the humanitarian needs of the Palestinian people. However, Indonesia remains deeply concerned about the humanitarian situation of the Palestinian people, in particular in the Gaza Strip, especially after the destruction caused by the disproportionate use of force by the occupying Power, which has caused death and despair to the people in that area. The situation in the

West Bank also gives cause for concern, as the numerous checkpoints and the route of the security fence are severely hindering efforts to maintain a viable economy, especially with regard to agriculture.

Nevertheless, Indonesia remains convinced of the viability of two States living side by side in peace within the framework of a comprehensive regional settlement under the terms of various resolutions, the Quartet road map, the Arab Peace Initiative and the principle of land for peace. To achieve that, however, demands that the parties sit at the negotiating table to hammer out an agreement, which, unfortunately, is where we continue to be stopped. The reports are categorically clear that forward movement is hampered by Israel's policy on settlements, particularly highlighted by Israel's plans to build more than 3,000 new settler homes, which constitutes a sign of bad faith and an obvious obstacle to the peace process.

On 29 November, the international community voted resoundingly in favour of endorsing the request of Palestine to become a non-member observer State ([resolution 67/19](#)). Although some 24 years ago the Assembly had acknowledged it as a State through its [resolution 43/177](#), by according observer State status to the State of Palestine we are signaling the primacy of diplomacy and our rejection of violence. We are making a strong statement on the need for mutual respect among nations.

The Secretary-General has reiterated that peace and Palestinian statehood are long overdue. Indonesia agrees and would like to amplify that affirmation, because we fully believe that direct and meaningful negotiations are the main avenue towards a comprehensive, fair and lasting solution that fulfils the aspirations of Israelis and Palestinians, including an end to occupation and conflict and a just and agreed solution to the plight of Palestinian refugees. We again call on Israel to cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory and to avoid contravening its obligations under the road map to freeze all settlement construction, including natural growth.

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The Acting President : The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution A/67/L.38, entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people".

I give the floor to the representative of the Secretariat.

Mr. Zhang Saijin (Department for General Assembly and Conference Management): I should like to announce that since the submission of the draft resolution and in addition to those delegations listed on the draft document, the following countries have become sponsors of draft resolution A/67/L.38: Andorra, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, San Marino and Ukraine.

The Acting President : May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt draft resolution A/67/L.38?

Draft resolution A/67/L.38 was adopted (resolution 67/86).