Source: United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL ADOPTS SIX RESOLUTIONS AND ONE DECISION ON DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, AMONG OTHERS

Defers Action on Resolution Concerning Report of Fact-Finding Mssion on Gaza Conflict to March Session 2 October 2009

The Human Rights Council this morning adopted six resolutions and one decision on a wide variety of subjects, including on freedom of opinion and expression; elimination of discrimination against women; the adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights; the effects of foreign debt and other related international and financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights; draft guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights; Aung San Suu Kyi and other political prisoners in Myanmar; and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through a better understanding of traditional values of humankind in conformity with international human rights law.

At the request of the sponsors, the Council deferred action on the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which deals among other things with the report of the Fact-Finding Mssion on the Gaza Conflict, to its March session.

1

Action on Resolution Under Agenda Item on the Human Rights Situation in Palestine and Other Occupied Arab Territories

The resolution on the Situation of Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (A/HRO/12/L.12), was deferred to the March session of the Council.

ZAMR AKRAM (Pakistan), speaking about draft resolution L. 12 on the Situation of Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (A/HRC/12/L.12), said that, taking into consideration the high importance attached to this resolution by the international community as a whole, and in order to give more time for a broad based and comprehensive consideration of the International Fact Finding Mssion's report, the co-sponsors namely, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the African Group, the Arab Group and the Non-Aligned Movement, requested that the consideration of the draft resolution be deferred to the thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council.

/....