



**Note Verbale**

The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat, and has the honor to submit the following four working papers for consideration during the Working Group Meeting for CSP10:

1. Working Paper on Gender-Based Violence.
2. Working Paper on the Role of Industry in Responsible Arms Trade.
3. Working Paper on the Upholding Legal Obligations under the Arms Trade Treaty: The Case of the Palestinian People.
4. Working Paper on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) - Ad Hoc Discussions on Current and Emerging Implementation Issues - The Case of the Palestinian People.

Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat, the assurances of its highest considerations.



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**Gender Based Violence**

As we speak, the Israeli colonial forces continuous genocidal acts on Gaza, including the deliberate targeting of Palestinian women and children underscores a systemic pattern of gender-based violence.

Israel States “we must unequivally condemn all acts of Gender based violence as method of warfare “We wonder if they condemn the following:

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, a statement issued by Several UN experts conveyed their distress over credible reports that Palestinian women and girls in detention have been subjected to multiple forms of sexual assault, such as being stripped naked and searched by male Israeli army officers. At least two female Palestinian detainees were reportedly raped while others were reportedly threatened with rape and sexual violence,” Experts noted that photos of female detainees in degrading circumstances were also reportedly taken by the Israeli army and uploaded online.

Palestinian women and girls have reportedly been arbitrarily executed in Gaza, often together with family members, including their children, according to information received. “We are shocked by reports of the deliberate targeting and extrajudicial killing of Palestinian women and children in places where they sought refuge, or while fleeing. Some of them were reportedly holding white pieces of cloth when they were killed by the Israeli army or affiliated forces,” the experts said.

Palestinian women, in particular who were taken hostages by the Israeli Occupation forces and are in the Israeli detention centers, have been subjected to appalling acts of sexual harassment, threats of rape, denied menstruation pads, and degrading strip searches, often conducted in front of their family members during house invasions.

Former U.S. State Department official Josh Paul explained that the Defense for Children (DCIP) filed a case regarding a 15-year-old Palestinian boy who was raped by Israeli forces at Moscovia Detention Centre in West Jerusalem. After deeming the allegations to be credible, the State Department passed the information to the Israeli government, who instead of opening an investigation and solving the matter, told the IDF to raid the DCIP, confiscating all of their computers, and labeling them as a terrorist organization, effectively ending any potential reaching of justice.

**Alon Schwarcz, an Israeli documentarian, made a documentary shedding light on the Tantura massacre, which occurred in 1948. Through on-camera interviews, numerous**



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**former soldiers recounted their involvement in this massacre. Joseph Diamanet a former soldier from the Alexandroni brigade, described how Israeli forces destructed Al Tantura. Shockingly, he recounted while laughing how one of the soldiers rapped a 16-year-old Palestinian girl.**

**As for Deir Yassin, a village that Zionist forces ethnically cleansed in 1948, An independent investigation did take Place By Britain and a Member of the British investigative team Richard Catling reported that reported that ‘Sexual atrocities were committed by the attackers; many young schoolgirls were raped and later slaughtered.’ An eyewitness then wrote in The Spectator that captured villagers were ‘paraded ... through Jewish quarters of Jerusalem to be spat upon: then released ... to tell their kin of the experience’**

The Israeli Occupation Forces do not allow any independent investigation committee to enter and investigate. We wonder what the Israeli forces have to hide.

The Israeli disinformation campaign purpose is to manufacture consent for Genocide

Persistent gender-based violence by Israeli occupation forces against Palestinians has been an ongoing issue for decades. Therefore, the State of Palestine urges all States Parties to honor their commitments under the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). And end the irresponsible trade of conventional arms to the OP and its diversion to the Israeli settler groups, it is crucial to take effective steps to halt the supply of arms to colonial occupying forces engaged in systematic serious violations of international law.