

## Statement by

## the Republic of Slovenia

at the

## 39th Session of the UN Human Rights Council

## Item 7: Interactive dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on the 2018 protests in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

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Mr Vice- President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement of the European Union, and would like to add the following.

We wish to thank the Commission of Inquiry for the oral update pursuant to the resolution adopted at the 28th Special Session of this Council. We welcome the appointment of the new chairperson of the Commission. We have already expressed our position that an international, independent and transparent investigation of human rights violations is needed to shed light on what happened during the Palestinian protests in Gaza this April. We call upon all parties concerned to cooperate with the Commission in order to ensure the preparation of an objective and credible report.

In this regard we wish to ask the members of the Commission on the envisaged methodology to be used in order to comprehensively address all the circumstances surrounding the events during the protests in Gaza.

Slovenia remains committed to the full respect for international human rights and humanitarian law and accountability for perpetrators of human rights violations.

Thank you.