



**Statement**

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**Oil slick on Lebanese shores**

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Allow me Mr. Chairman to congratulate you for your successful stewardship of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee's work during this session. I extend similar thanks to the Bureau members and the Secretariat for their excellent job.

Also, I express deep appreciation for the countries who voted in favour of the "Oil Slick" resolution, which was updated following the Secretary's General report symbol A/66/297 of 12 August 2011, in which the SG said: **I quote**

*"The destruction by the Israeli Air Force of the oil storage tanks in Lebanon on 15 July 2006 resulted in the release of about 15,000 tons of fuel oil, contaminated Lebanon's coastline, damaged the environment, hindered efforts to achieve sustainable development, and had implications on natural resources, biodiversity, fisheries, tourism, and health."..*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> committee's mandate unequivocally includes, *inter alia*, dealing with sustainable development issues, economic growth and development, and so on so forth. This truth, negates Israel fake allegations that the 2nd committee is not mandated to deal with this issue. And the SG statement proves that the claims made by Israeli are false.

It's more precise and truthful that Israel stops wasting the valuable time of this committee, ends its violation of international law, and assumes its responsibility for prompt and adequate compensation to the Government of Lebanon, as requested by the successive UN resolutions, to repair the damage caused by the Israeli aggression.

Mr. Chairman

In fact, the fault for the conflict and "*the bleeding wound*" in the Middle East lay on Israeli, which has violated 89 legally-binding Security Council resolutions, and continues to violate over 100 General Assembly resolutions. Yet, no sanctions are imposed on Israel, which uses phosphate bombs against civilians and possesses atomic bombs.

Time and again,

The mothers and fathers, the children and orphans who lost their families because of Israel's aggression on Lebanon are asking:

Why Israel continues to commit crimes, violate international law, and not be held accountable of its actions?

The answers to these questions came from Israeli journalists and scholars: