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**The deteriorating human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including  
East Jerusalem**

Oral statement submitted by  
**VIDES International**

Thank you, Mr. President,

VIDES International expresses deep concern for the deaths and thousands wounded in the violence that took place near the Gaza border on the 14th of May. Consequently, violence only generates violence, war, and the loss of lives. Lasting peace and justice will be possible only in the absence of hate, violence, and war.

The United Nations, since its establishment, together with civil society actors, have always worked for Peace, Security, and Development. Three goals for all human beings. However, none of them would ever be attainable without the respect of human dignity and the promotion of human rights for all whatever their religion and identity.

Therefore, we, VIDES International, would like to call on both sides and on the International community to resume dialogue and negotiate solutions that can guarantee a peaceful co-existence not only of the two States but also in the region.

In addition, we call for Jerusalem's "status quo" to be respected as Holy Land for multi-religions.

We call on all Member States to reach a consensus to adopt the draft resolution A/HRC/S-28/L.1.

I thank you, Mr. President.