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2. Facts and circumstances regarding alleged violations of international humanitarian law and alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law leading up to and since 13 April 2021;

There have been definite violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, by Hamas and the Palestinian Authority, who are responsible for incitement to violence, abuses and attacks on Israelis as well as on Arab civilians. As well, the PA and Hamas are also responsible for incitement to kill Israelis and to destroy Israel.

Every conflict between Gaza and Israel has been initiated by Hamas which took over Gaza after Israel withdrew in 2005. May 10, 2021 was no exception when Hamas fired over 4,300 missiles into Israel during the 11 day war which Hamas initiated. Hamas terror against Israel has included terror tunnels to transport terrorists to try and abduct Israelis, incendiary balloons which Hamas terrorists sent over the fence to burn up thousands of acres of Israeli farms and parks, and burning tires by Hamas on the borders to send the resulting smoke to choke Israelis soldiers and obscure some of the Hamas terror activities.

The Hamas leadership of Gaza has only one goal in mind as specified in the Hamas Charter, which is, the destruction of Israel. They are not interested in the well-being of their own people and Hamas punishes any of their own people who don't conform or who seek peace with Israel. This is a true abuse of international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

The Palestinian Authority and PLO encourages its people to murder Jews by paying them or their families – this is called, pay-for-slay, and provides a lifetime reward to the families of terrorists if they do kill a Jew. If Palestinian civilians are killed when missiles aimed at Israel misfire, Hamas blames Israel for the deaths and accuses Israel of war crimes for killing Palestinians. This is another violation and abuse of international humanitarian law; Hamas kills their own people and blames Israel.

Hamas blames Israel for trying to defend its cities and towns. But Israel has a right, according to international humanitarian law to protect its own people as a nation. And if the IDF retaliates for the over 4,000 missiles which Hamas sent into Israeli civilian areas such as schools, homes, hospitals, the

IDF tries very hard to avoid killing Palestinian people and minimize casualties by using technology. Israel is a democracy and committed to respecting human rights of people irrespective of their faith, their color, their gender.

The PA leadership and Hamas, go out of their way to disregard the safety of their own people. Arab Civilians are often at the launch sites of missiles and Hamas is known to use innocent Arab children as human shields. This is truly an abuse of international humanitarian law. Israel provides bomb shelters to protect their own people, while Hamas and the PA have set up no protection for their own people. Moreover, Hamas and the PA abscond with millions of dollars of donated funds, foods and medicines sent for the purpose of helping Palestinians. The teaching of Arab children to hate Israelis and to commit knife attacks, suicide bombing and car ramming to kill innocent Israelis is a serious violation and abuse of International human rights law by Hamas and PA leadership.

The choice of the date of April 13, 2021, to be included in the Inquiry Commission submissions, refers to the beginning of Ramadan of that year when many radical Arabs rioted on the Temple Mount and blamed the Jews for the violence. Moreover, by including this date, of April 13, 2021, it appears as an attempt to distract from the 4,300 missiles which Hamas sent into Israel – but nothing can take away from the horrific evil act of Hamas firing over 4,000 missiles into a civilian population, no matter how much they hate the Jews. This was a true crime against humanity.

It's important that Navi Pillay and her three assistants are objective and recognize that the abuses and violation of international human rights law and international humanitarian law are committed by the leadership of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas and not Israel. It is they who are initiating war and violence. Israel does not initiate violence. It does not initiate war. It only reacts to retaliate in extreme situations when their population is threatened such as with over 4,000 missiles sent into their communities.

The truth is that Israel does not engage in war crimes. That Israel has a right to defend her people. That the PA and Hamas are the true perpetrators of violence and terrorism who refuse to accept Israel as a Jewish state and who have continuously organized the murder and violence against the Israelis?

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