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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

It is with great pain that we join in the discussion on this important topic today. Israel appreciates the Sixth Committee's continued work on this significant agenda item and recognizes the Secretary-General's substantive efforts to collate valuable information regarding combatting impunity and the scope and application of universal jurisdiction.

Israel views this topic with great importance, and has consistently voiced its principled position on this matter in our previous statements.

However, this year we cannot address this topic without discussing the horrific events of the past few days, which are still ongoing, are incomprehensible. The immoral, cruel, and barbaric Hamas is a

The inhumane atrocities are apparent from the rubble that remains and cries out to the heavens. The surviving civilians in recent days are sharing their horror stories as to how they survived, and describe the cruel and barbaric massacre that took place. One witness described after Kibbutz Beerli was secured: "I saw hundreds of terrorists in full armour, going from house