**4th Session of IGWG on TNCs and OBEs with respect to Human Rights**

**Article. 7**

**Permanent Observer Mission of The State of Palestine**

Thank you Chair for giving me the floor, and we thank the panellists for their inputs and comments.

We would like to share with you our view on the drafted text and in considering Article.7;

The focus on conflict-affected areas in the Treaty is an absolute necessity, considering the sharp rise in conflicts around the globe in the 21st century, particularly since 2010, affecting millions around the world.

While noting provision 6 under Article 15, we see there is an absence of reference to the applicability, where appropriate, of international treaties and the principles and rules of international law, including the established principles of the international law of armed conflict.

This would be essential addition to Article.7, particularly when we are addressing situations of conflict. In such situations, the treaty would benefit from reiterating state obligations under both international human rights law and humanitarian law to guarantee maximum protection for individuals and communities.

I thank you.