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Draft Resolution

The Security Council,

Recalling all of its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 1397 (2002), 1515 (2003), 1850 (2008) and 1860 (2009),

Stressing the obligation to respect international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law,

Emphasizing the obligation to ensure the safety and well-being of all civilians and ensure their protection in situations of armed conflict, including foreign occupation,

Expressing grave concern at the escalation of violence and the deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, due to the Israeli military operations, particularly in the Gaza Strip,

Expressing grave concern in particular at the resulting heavy civilian casualties among the Palestinian civilian population, including among children,

Expressing grave concern also at the deepening humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip,

Emphasizing the need to ensure the sustained and regular flow of people and goods through the Gaza crossings,

Recalling that a lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can only be achieved by peaceful means,

Reaffirming the right of all peoples in the region to live in peace and security,

1. *Condemns* all violence and hostilities directed against civilians and all acts of terrorism;
2. *Calls for* an immediate, durable and fully respected ceasefire, including the withdrawal of Israeli occupying forces from the Gaza Strip;
3. *Welcomes* in this regard the initiative presented by Egypt on 14 July 2014 for a ceasefire and urges all concerned regional and international parties to support these efforts towards establishing calm;
3. *Calls upon* all parties to abide by their obligations under international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949;

4. *Calls for* all necessary measures to ensure the protection of civilians, including the immediate cessation of military reprisals, collective punishment and excessive use of force against the Palestinian civilian population;

5. *Calls also for* the lifting of the Israeli restrictions imposed on the movement of persons and goods into and out of the Gaza Strip and for the sustained reopening of the crossing points of the Gaza Strip on the basis of the 2005 Agreement on Movement and Access and in accordance with resolution 1860 (2009);

6. *Stresses* the need for the immediate provision of humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip, including through urgent additional contributions to UNRWA, recognizing the vital role played by the Agency, along with other United Nations agencies and humanitarian organizations, in addressing the critical humanitarian needs in Gaza;

7. *Urges* all parties to refrain from actions and steps that could further destabilize the situation;

8. *Calls for* renewed and urgent efforts by the parties and the international community to achieve a comprehensive peace based on the vision of two States, Palestine and Israel, living side by side on the basis of the pre-1967 borders in peace and security, as envisaged in Security Council resolution 1850 (2008), and recalls in this regard the importance of the Arab Peace Initiative;

9. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.