

Explanation of Vote on Draft Resolution L.11 in the 64th Session of the General Assembly under item 64 “Report of the Human Rights Council”

We support the main thrust of draft resolution L.11 just adopted by this Assembly. In particular, we endorse the call for independent and credible investigations carried out in accordance with international standards by both parties. As we stated in our speech in the debate, we were disappointed by the manner in which the Human Rights Council has dealt with the report of the fact-finding Mission. Our abstention, which we have cast with much regret, is therefore due solely to the manner in which the text refers to the report of the Human Rights Council. We hope that this resolution will make a genuine contribution to ensuring accountability and to addressing serious violations of international humanitarian law documented in the Goldstone report. We look forward to the future consideration by this Assembly.