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Identical letters dated 13 May 2026 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I am obliged to bring to the attention of the members of the Security Council the report of the Civil Commission on October 7th Crimes by Hamas against Women and Children.[1] The report is the result of over two years of an independent non-profit, which logged and securely archived thousands of photos, videos and interviews of victims, witnesses and survivors and mapped 13 recurring patterns of sexual and gender-based violence to victims from 52 different nationalities, underscoring the severity, international scope and the impact of the crimes committed on 7 October 2023 and to the hostages later on. The report was endorsed by world-renowned scholars and professionals.

Separately, there are those who decided to take part in the ongoing malicious campaign meant to manipulate the multilateral system against my country. The timing and framing of obscured claims, as portrayed in a recent *New York Times* article, attempt to, yet again, create a false equivalence between a law-abiding democracy and the darkest of terrorist organizations, who enjoy the support of biased media and civil society organizations to mask their methods and goals.

Publishing an opinion article which reaches a new low in journalistic malpractice, and is welcomed by those who accept the delegitimization, demonization and double standards against Israel with open arms, is meant to drown support for the State of Israel and create a smokescreen to the atrocities committed by others, including recent allegations which were raised against Hamas in Gaza for sexually abusing women in exchange for aid.

The State of Israel has a well-established governance, judicial system and rule of law. Furthermore, and as the Secretary-General is well informed, the State of Israel has been cooperating with the office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-

[1] https://www.civilc.org/silenced-no-more.

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General on Sexual Violence in Conflict and submitted detailed information on the statutory framework, oversight mechanisms, training and capacity-building in place to prevent conflict-related sexual violence and ensure accountability.

Israel works to protect, prevent and share our best practices with other Member States, including practices obtained in the aftermath of the largest terror attack on the State of Israel since its establishment. Such an initiative is the work done in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna and experts from around the world to create a toolkit for emergency first responders when dealing with conflict-related sexual violence perpetrated during terrorist attacks.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 71 (c), and of the Security Council.

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