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# Human Rights and Democracy Media Center- SHAMS Expresses support to Ms. Francesca P. Albanese, The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the occupied Palestinian Territories

**Human Rights and Democracy Media Centre- SHAMS,** expresses full support and solidarity with Lawyer Ms. Francesca P. Albanese, the UN Special Rapporteur of Human Rights in the OPT. Lawyer Albanese is facing a fierce attack by the Zionism organizations that are supported by the right wing government that rules over the occupation's state currently, for the distinguished work she is doing as a UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in the OPT.

**SHAMS Center emphasizes** that the so- called "Israeli International Legal Forum Organization", request to António Guterres, the Secretary- General of the United Nations, to fire Lawyer Albanese, is an attack against the United Nations and unaccepted intervention within its work as neutral Body. The demand of the Israeli organization is a new form of terrorism that Israel applies against Palestinians on the level of the international institutions and organizations. The incitement against the UN Special Rapporteur is not the first act of such kind, as Ms. Albanese was subject to several adversary positions from the Israeli government and institutions since the first day she was assigned for her position, on the base that she compared between the Holocaust and Nakba.

**SHAMS Center appreciates** the Nobel brave positions of Lawyer Albanese who advocates human rights and the International Human Rights Law and the principles of the United Nations through the various reports she produced about human rights in the OPT. Lawyer Francesca was neutral and honest in reflecting the status of human rights with no bias. She reported about the crimes and violations against human rights committed by the Occupation State on daily base in OPT.

SHAMS Center emphasizes that the so-called "Israeli International Legal Forum", is no more than an adversary arm of the Israeli government. The mentioned organization is active in more than 20 countries with a staff of approximately four thousand lawyers. Additionally, it includes members of the European Parliament, American Congress, and Israeli Knesset members as well as Israeli ministers. The organization is headed by lawyer Arsen Ostrovsky, who is known as a right wing radical politician and was classified, by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, as one of the most influential persons in the world.

**SHAMS Center affirms** that the so- called "Israeli International Legal Forum", should be associated with implementing the International Law of Human Rights but not to legalize the daily violations and fascist practices of the Occupation State in the OPT. Additionally, the given organization is investing efforts in justifying the daily crimes of the occupation against

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Palestinians such as home demolishing and ethnic cleansing, which violate Geneva Fourth Convention that protects civilians under armed conflicts.

**SHAMS** Center calls upon the secretary- general of the United Nations, His Excellency Antonio Gutteres, to reject the Israeli government and institutions pressure to block the role of the United Nations and apply its principles in protecting international peace and security.

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