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Human Rights and Democracy Media Center- SHAMS**The United Nations Security Council Resolution****Falls Short of the Atrocities Perpetrated by the Israeli Occupation in the Gaza Strip**

Ramallah: Human Rights and Democracy Media Center- SHAMS, affirmed that the United Nations Security Council Resolution, regarding expanding humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip, falls below the level of the catastrophe caused by the Israeli occupation through its ongoing aggression against the Gaza Strip. The Resolution is numbered (2720) and was issued with 13 votes in preferable and 2 votes of abstaining. The resolution did not mention a ceasefire and stopping the genocide and forcible displacing, committed by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. The Resolution did not consider that approximately 20 thousand Palestinians have been killed within the ongoing aggression in addition to wounding more than 52 thousand and displacing 1.7 million Palestinians, as a result of the systematic targeting of the houses and civic establishments.

SHAMS Center emphasized that the Resolution reflects the weakness of the United Nations and its inability to realize the objectives that undermined establishing this international commission following the crimes and horrible acts that accompanied World War II. The statement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres that the situation in the Gaza Strip represents a threat to international security and peace, is a clear message to the Security Council to interfere and stop the aggression and the threat. Yet, the Security Council proved once again helpless in protecting international peace and security as it failed to endorse an Article in the Resolution to ceasefire in the Gaza Strip. It means that threatening international peace and security will continue and it might be transferred into a regional war in which other parties could be involved in one way or another.

SHAMS Center deplored the American position in the Security Council, which abstained from supporting the Resolution although all the American remarks and demands were endorsed in it. Despite that, the United States abstained from supporting the Resolution and so, granted the occupation a green light to abstain from implementing the resolution. The position of America reveals the double standard policy applied by America in dealing with international questions and international law. At the time, the United States and its allies stressed to condemn the war in Ukraine and considered what happened there as war crimes, they supported the crimes of the Israeli occupation and provided political coverage to the Occupation State in the Security Council. Not only that but also supporting the occupation with weapons under the claim that Israel is in a case of self-defense.

SHAMS Center affirmed that the Resolution is weak and ineffective as it lacks identifying a mechanism to deliver humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. Mentioning the appropriate circumstances to stop the military operations within the Resolution, is an attempt to keep the door open for the Israeli occupation to proceed with the crimes and genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. Additionally, the Resolution did not condemn the Israeli crimes that have been committed for around seventy-seven days. Stating that all parties should facilitate delivering the humanitarian aid is a hidden message to equalize between the



occupation, which imposes a restricted siege on the Gaza Strip and commits horrible crimes, and the other parties. On the other hand, the Resolution was not issued in reference to section VII of the United Nations Charter, which means that in case Israel did not apply the Resolution, then no sanctions would be imposed to obligate implementation of it. Moreover, the Resolution did not include clear mechanisms for implementation. The American refusal and threatening to vote against the Resolution with Veto, are the reasons that caused issuing it within such weak status.

In the conclusion of the statement, SHAMS Center urged the state parties of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Gutteres to reject the pressure imposed by the United States on the United Nations, and to commit to the noble principles and high message that the United Nations were based on once was established. Among these principles should be protecting human peace and security and protecting human rights and dignity and creating a world of prosperity and justice and free of the horrors of war.