

Thank you, (Mr/Madam) President:

We remind of the need for multilateralism, human rights-based development and leaving no one behind.

Reading this VNR is a dystopian exercise. While feigning victimhood, it narrates like part of Israel's war effort.

This VNR evades the core development issues, as Israel erases the civilization that preceded its settler colony.

As we informed this Forum in 2019, Israel's lopsided development reflects two-tiered civil status: a superior class of "Jewish nationals" and inferior status for mere "citizens." Its apartheid-chartered parastatal development institutions and their racist affiliates pursue development and prosperity for settlers at the expense of the country's rightful owners and surviving Indigenous inhabitants, and all this amid ecocide, attacking health systems and industrializing starvation as a weapon of war.

The VNR even falsifies the state's territory with maps and numbers, claiming all historic Palestine from the River to the Sea, plus parts of Syria.

With Israeli-Jewish population trends in flux, the VNR projects Israel will reduce the Indigenous Palestinian Arab proportion of the population by 2065 to under 20%.

The focus on technical advances masks their use as tools of death. Digital progress aside, this VNR's main message is Israel's *raison d'état* and development project is practicing sustainable genocide; i.e., inflicting maximum harm on the Indigenous Palestinian People in perpetuity, with a widening footprint across the region.

We foresee this state behavior will continue to harm all parties for generations to come.

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