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Letter dated 9 October 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing to you concerning the statement made by the representative of Israel during the general debate of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The baseless, undiplomatic and unacceptable allegations made by Israel Katz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel, about Turkey and President Erdoğan are nothing but a desperate attempt to distract attention from Israel's ongoing violations of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and its efforts to illegally change the demography and legal status of the Palestinian territory. Turkey will continue to condemn Israel's unlawful actions and uphold the rights of Palestinian people stemming from international law and relevant United Nations resolutions.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

(Signed) Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu Permanent Representative



