



**Statement on behalf of the OIC, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary,  
During ID with SRSG on Children in Armed Conflict**

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Mr. President,

The atrocities faced by the children in Gaza are unprecedented in recent history.

Death has come for children in Gaza in many forms. Through war, injury and, increasingly, starvation.

Nearly 13,000 are dead. Over 17,000 without a parent. All those left alive are in need for urgent mental health support.

No child in Gaza is free from pain, hunger and fear.

We had expected greater attention to this crisis by the office of the Special Representative.

Mr. President,

The murderous assault on Gaza has violated international humanitarian law, international human rights law and several UN Security Council Resolutions on Children in Armed Conflict.

UNSC Resolution 2143 reminds all states to investigate and prosecute those responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and other egregious crimes perpetrated against children.

Article 7(4) of the Arms Trade Treaty asks the exporting States Parties to consider the risk of covered conventional arms being used to commit or facilitate serious acts of violence against children.

We are still hopeful that in line with her mandate, the SR will

- Call for implementation of ICJ’s provisional measures for saving children;
- Promote collection of information on crimes against children in Gaza;
- Engage the Committee on the Rights of the Child and other UN Specialized Agencies to determine steps for restoring what is left of the lives of children in Gaza.

Thank you.