

CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights begins its 58th session at a tragic moment when a brutal and barbarous war has already deprived a thousand men, women and children of their inherent right to life, several thousands have been injured and maimed and a million innocent people displaced from their homes;

Bound by its mandate to promote and protect respect for human rights, the Sub-Commission:

- Expresses its deep grief and outrage at the massive violations of human rights in Lebanon;
- Extends its condolences and sympathy to all the victims of the war and their families;
- Voices the hope that the United Nations Security Council, acting in discharge of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, will bring about cessation of the war without further delay and promote an urgent settlement of the conflict in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and the international humanitarian law;
- Calls upon all parties to ensure the effective delivery of humanitarian assistance, including water, food and medical assistance.

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