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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 1st of December, 2024, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Situation in the Middle East," the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) expresses its grave concern over the statements made by the Israeli delegation regarding Resolution SC/1. This resolution, adopted following extensive deliberation among member states, is guided by international law, the UN Charter, and the collective responsibility of this body to promote peace, security, and adherence to established norms.

8 The Council reaffirms its commitment to impartiality and rejects accusations of bias or anti-9 semitism. It underscores that Israel, as a UN Member State, is obligated to engage constructively and 10 respect international law, including Security Council resolutions.

While recognizing every State's right to self-defense and sovereignty, including Israel's, the Council stresses that this must align with international law and not justify unilateral actions. It strongly urges Israel to re-engage diplomatically and prioritize solutions fostering peace and stability in the region. The Security Council remains steadfast in its mission to uphold international law, promote justice,

- and work towards lasting peace for all.
- 16 The Security Council will continue to pay close attention to developments.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions