



Targeting Civilians Seeking Food as a Violation of the Convention against Torture and other acts of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment

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Evaluation of Israel

The deliberate or indiscriminate bombing of civilians while they are seeking food or humanitarian aid constitutes a serious violation of Article 16 of the Convention against Torture, which obliges States to prevent other acts of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment committed by or with the consent or acquiescence of public officials.

Legal and Factual Basis

Such attacks, when carried out intentionally against clearly identifiable civilian gatherings in humanitarian distribution areas, inflict severe physical and psychological suffering. They strip victims of their dignity, aggravate hunger and desperation, and create an atmosphere of terror and hopelessness. These acts, in addition to being grave breaches of international humanitarian law (IHL) and potential war crimes under Article 54 of Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions, also constitute cruel and inhuman treatment within the meaning of the Convention.

Absence of Confidence in Domestic Remedies

We must state, with deep concern, that there is no realistic expectation that

Israel will address or remedy these violations. Israel's ongoing actions amount to the crime of genocide, and it has ignored binding provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice.

Complicity of Western States

We also regret the complicity—through action or inaction—of several Western States, whose political, military, and economic support for Israel continues despite clear and credible evidence of gross violations of international law. These States have failed to take determined measures to halt Israel's conduct.

Appeal to the Committee and the International Community

We call on this Committee to recommend that all UN Member States sever diplomatic, economic, and military relations with Israel. Furthermore, we suggest the Committee to recommend that the General Assembly invoke Resolution 377(V) "Uniting for Peace", which allows the Assembly to assume responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in situations where the Security Council, due to the veto of a permanent member, fails to act.