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**Transcript of Video Intervention of Adalah
Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing
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Speaker: Attorney Myssana Morany

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Item 3: Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context

Madam President, Mister Special Rapporteur,

Adalah wishes to highlight the systemic segregation and discrimination faced by Palestinian citizens and residents of Israel and in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

The foundation of Israel's land and planning policy is the Judaization of the land-space. For decades, Israel has pursued discriminatory policies and practices to confiscate Palestinian lands and create new Jewish localities, in order to entrench control over the land and its use. The *Jewish Nation-State Law* constitutionally entrenches racial discrimination and exclusion, by promoting the establishment of Jewish settlement on both sides of the Green Line.

Israel also grants legal and public authority to Zionist institutions – including the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish National Fund – which operate exclusively for the benefit of Jewish people.

In your new report, Mr. Special Rapporteur, you recognize Israel's policies and practices of spatial segregation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Israel likewise pursues systemic segregation and discrimination within the State, often using similar tactics against Palestinian citizens, such as forced evictions and displacement, and discriminatory planning and land allocation.

Adalah requests that the Special Rapporteur undertake a country visit to investigate and report on Israel's international obligations on the right to adequate housing for all Palestinians under Israel's jurisdiction.

Thank you.