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السلام على

Warm Greetings,

We meet under tragic circumstances when sustained attacks on the Gaza strip has led to the senseless loss of lives, continue to endanger the lives of innocent civilians and has created a humanitarian disaster. Nigeria welcomes this intervention by the OIC to emphatically add its voice to the call for an end to the violence and loss of innocent civilian lives.

The Disproportionate use of force against the people of Gaza begs the question, how many more must die to avenge the act of the aggressors? Abrahamic religious have provided ample guidance for governments to follow for declaring war against another. The writings of the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Scholar **Bin Rushdi**, known in the western world as Averroes, on the subject of Just War Influenced many, including the Christian philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas. Collectively, this body of work provided for what came to be known, The Just War Theory that governments use to determine whether war and aggressions is morally justified. The war against the people of Gaza cannot be contemplated

in the same breath as the Just War Doctrine and has to stop for the sake of humanity. Pray tell, where is the rule of law?

Your Excellencies,

Today we live in a data-driven world. The question we have to ask ourselves is, where is the evidence that the violence meted out by Israel on Gaza is having any deleterious effect on Hamas?

We must work collectively to bring an end to the Violence and find a lasting solution to the Palestinian– Israeli conflict based on the UN – prescribed two– State solution.

Nigeria stands finally by this.

Thank you for listening