

We were honored by the presence in the meeting of the Assistant Secretary-General Mrs. Rachel Mayanja, whose contribution was highly valuable to this event, including for her message on behalf of the Secretary-General. I also wish to highlight we received an important message from the President of the UN General Assembly Father Miguel D'Escoto where he reflected upon the importance of our meeting and of the discussion on this subject in the current situation. This meeting was also held during a time of grief and loss for the Palestinian women and girls in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in particular for those in Gaza who were the victims of Israel's massive military aggression which was condemned by the Movement. Our Movement managed to adopt the advanced Guatemala Declaration and Program of Action, through which important working directions for the Movement were agreed

|              | In the Guatemala Declaration and Programme of Action we recognised the persistent obstacles and challenges faced by women and girls in achieving gender   |                     |  |  |  |
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