Aboul Gheit's address at the meeting on the day after of the Gaza war

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Mr. President,

I wish to thank France for convening this important meeting.

I believe we all share the objective of translating the principles of the New York Declaration into practical reality, through concrete steps to end Israel’s war of extermination against Gaza, ensure immediate access for humanitarian aid, and begin reconstruction and stabilisation efforts.

In this regard, allow me to highlight a few brief points:

First: The fundamental principle from which we must proceed is that any arrangements for the day after in Gaza must be directed towards implementing the two-state solution. This entails restoring the Palestinian Authority in Gaza to preserve the vital connection between Gaza and the West Bank as a single territorial unit embodying the Palestinian state. We see no alternative to a gradual yet decisive deployment of Palestinian Authority forces in Gaza to assume internal security and law-and-order responsibilities.

Second: Israel must withdraw fully from the entire territory of the Gaza Strip, without any deductions from Palestinian land under the pretext of creating buffer zones or other pretexts devoid of legal or legitimate justification.

Third: Any form of displacement is categorically and unequivocally rejected. Arrangements for the day after must take into account the need to confront Israeli plans—now evident to all—to push the Palestinian people out of the Strip. The Palestinian people will remain steadfast on their land in Gaza, and there can be no question of their expulsion.

Fourth and finally: Appropriate conditions and a sound legal framework must be established for any temporary force tasked with stabilisation on an interim basis. Past experience demonstrates that a mandate issued by the Security Council offers the most effective framework for such a force, which must work closely and in coordination with the Palestinian Authority, enabling it to resume internal security responsibilities in Gaza and paving the way for the immediate launch of reconstruction efforts. The primary mission of this force must be to monitor the ceasefire and ensure full Israeli withdrawal.

Thank you.