



**OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS**



Grave situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

Commission on Human Rights Resolution: 2004/1

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as by the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Taking into consideration the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, and the provisions of the 1977 Additional Protocol I thereto, and the Hague Convention IV of 18 October 1907 and Annexed Regulations respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land,

Recalling its previous relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 2003/6 of 15 April 2003, in which it strongly condemned the practice of “liquidation” and “extrajudicial executions” carried out by the Israeli army against Palestinians,

1. *Strongly condemns* the continuing grave violations of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in particular the tragic assassination of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin on 22 March 2004, in contravention of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War;

2. *Notes with grave concern* the implications of such targeted assassinations, liquidation and murder of political leadership by the Israeli occupation forces on the overall situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in particular the possibility of a fresh wave of violence;

3. *Calls upon Israel* to respect to the fullest the principles of international humanitarian law and to desist from all forms of violation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory;

4. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

*18th meeting
24 March 2004*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 31 votes to 2,
with 18 abstentions. See chap. III.- E/2004/23 – E/CN.4/2004/127]