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MFA response to South African appeal to the CIJ

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Israel is committed to international law and acts in accordance with it, and directs its military efforts only against the Hamas terrorist organization and the other terrorist organizations cooperating with Hamas. Israel categorically rejects the outrageous South African blood libel and its appeal to the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

South Africa's claim lacks both a factual and a legal basis, and constitutes despicable and contemptuous exploitation of the Court.

South Africa is cooperating with a terrorist organization that is calling for the destruction of the State of Israel.

The Hamas terrorist organization - which is committing war crimes, crimes against humanity and tried to commit genocide on 7 October - is responsible for the suffering of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip by using them as human shields and stealing humanitarian aid from them.

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Israel has made it clear that the residents of the Gaza Strip are not the enemy, and is making every effort to limit harm to the non-involved and to allow humanitarian aid to enter the Gaza Strip.

We call on the International Court of Justice and the international community to completely reject South Africa's baseless claims.

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