

Intervention by Mr. Mohamed El Karaksy

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- 1- The delegation of Egypt is astonished and utterly disturbed by the interventions just made by the delegations of the United States, Canada and Israel.
- 2- This is a technical meeting of non-political nature and it is a shame that these delegations are raising political issues that are distracting us from the focus of the meeting.
- 3- We fully support the intervention just made by the distinguished delegation of Palestine.
- 4- We also fully support the participation of Palestine under the current arrangements, and in accordance with the nature of the Conference, rules of procedures and established practices.
- 5- Palestine has been actively participating in the activities of the Arabic Division of the UN Group of Experts on Geographical names. Palestine also intends to participate actively in the meetings of this Conference. There is no reason why Palestine should not be participating as a full member of this Conference.
- 6- My delegation hopes that we can now end this discussion and start the Conference.

Thank you.