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This event on Israel is entitled a Universal Periodic Review, so that this Human Rights Council can claim to apply the same rules to Israel as every other state. Not true. Just three days ago this Council spent 6 hours condemning Israel because the Council's permanent agenda includes Israel-bashing at every session. But at this session, demonizing Jewish self-determination is happening twice – laughably for the sake of “universality.”

It's no secret that the biggest fans of the UPR are the states with the worst human rights records. The Islamic bloc calls it the Council's “most important mechanism for protecting human rights.” Why? Because the UPR is a mechanism where scoundrels line-up to make fake recommendations to fellow violators so that the delinquent under review can pretend it has accomplished something. Regardless of the record, states emerge from the UPR with a polite knock of the gavel and a thank you from the President. No resolution. No rapporteur appointed. But try mentioning murder for attempting to participate in a UPR and you'll be voted out-of-order.

The NGOs scheduled to speak after me in Israel's UPR include those known for their racial intolerance. NGOs who don't know and don't care what it means for every Jewish child in Israel to have to spend years of their young lives in the armed forces facing life-and-death situations because threatened extermination is still Israel's reality, and genocide still the goal of so-called Palestinian peace partners.

Today, this Council demonizes Israel for the umpteenth time. Tomorrow this Council will adopt 5 resolutions condemning only Israel, and nothing on Council members Saudi Arabia, Russia or China. This isn't human rights. It's discrimination, Antisemitism – UN-style.