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## INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN SUPPORT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE

*The urgency of addressing the permanent status issues —  
Borders, Jerusalem, settlements, refugees, water*

Qawra, Malta  
12 and 13 February 2010

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### PROGRAMME

Friday, 12 February  
9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

#### OPENING SESSION

**Welcome by Hon. Dr. Louis Galea**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malta

*Statements by:*

**Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg**  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta  
Representative of the Host Country

**Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco**  
Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs  
Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General

**Hon. Mr. Rudy Salles**  
President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the  
Mediterranean

**H.E. Mr. Pedro Núñez Mosquera**  
Chairman of the Delegation of the Committee on the  
Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

**Hon. Mr. Tayseer Quba'a**  
Deputy Speaker, Palestinian National Council  
Representative of Palestine

*High-level segment:*

**Hon. Mr. Ahmed Fathi Sorour**

President of the Egyptian People's Assembly

**H.E. Mr. Cemil Çiçek**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State of Turkey

11.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

**Coffee break**

12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

**PLENARY I**  
**The state of the peace process**

The current overall situation

*Presentations by experts:*

**Mr. Sa'eb Erakat**

Head of the Negotiations Affairs Department  
Palestine Liberation Organization  
Ramallah

**H.E. Mr. Alon Liel**

Lecturer  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Jerusalem

*Discussion*

3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Terms of reference for the permanent status issues – borders, Jerusalem, settlements, refugees, water

*Presentations by experts:*

**Mr. Geoffrey Aronson** (settlements)

Director of Research and Publications,  
Foundation for Middle East Peace  
Washington D.C.

**Ms. Helena Cobban** (Jerusalem)

Researcher and Writer  
Just World News  
Washington D.C.

**Dr. Samih Abid** (borders)

Head of the Territorial and Border Committee, PLO  
Former Minister for Public Works and Housing, PA  
Ramallah

*Discussion*

**Coffee break**

*Presentations by experts:*

**Mr. Michael Kingsley-Nyinah** (refugees)

Director of the Executive Office  
UNRWA  
Amman

**Mr. Peter Gubser** (water)

President, Retired  
ANERA - American Near East Refugee Aid  
Maryland

*Discussion*

7.00 p.m.

*Departure of delegates from the Dolmen Hotel to the reception*

7.30 p.m.

**Reception hosted by Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta**  
*Palazzo Parisio* (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Valletta

**Saturday, 13 February**

**PLENARY II**

**Breaking the status quo: Creating a political climate conducive to the advancement of the peace process**

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

International and regional approaches to promoting a comprehensive, just and lasting solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

*Presentations by representatives of Quartet Member States and experts:*

**H.E. Mr. Douglas W. Kmiec**

Ambassador of the United States to Malta  
Valetta

**H.E. Mr. Ziyad Sabsabi**

Deputy Chairman, Committee of Foreign Relations  
Council of the Federation, Federal Assembly  
Moscow

**H.E. Mr. Robert Rydberg**

Head of Middle East and North Africa Department  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Stockholm

**Mr. Robert Dann**

Chief, Regional Political Affairs  
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator  
for the Middle East Peace Process  
Jerusalem

**Hon. Mr. Azzam Al-Ahmad**

Head of the Fatah Caucus  
Palestinian Legislative Council  
Ramallah

**H.E. Mr. Hesham Youssef**

Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary-General  
League of Arab States  
Cairo

**Mr. Omar Al-Nahar**

Director, Negotiations Co-ordination Bureau  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Amman

*Discussion*

**Coffee break**

12.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Modalities for bridging gaps and building trust between the parties

*Presentations by experts:*

**Hon. Mr. Mohammad Barakeh**

Member of the Knesset  
Secretary-General of Hadash Party  
Tel Aviv

**Dr. Yossi Beilin**

President, Beilink – Business Foreign Affairs  
Former Member of the Knesset  
Tel Aviv

**H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Khraishi**

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the UN Offices at

Geneva

Geneva

*Discussion*

1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

**Luncheon hosted by H.E. Mr. Pedro Núñez Mosquera, Chairman of the Delegation of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**  
Menhir Restaurant, Dolmen Hotel

3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Role of parliamentarians and inter-parliamentary organizations in supporting Israeli-Palestinian peace and stability in the region

*Presentations by experts:*

**Hon. Dr. George Vella**

Member of the Parliament of Malta  
Chairman of the *ad hoc* Committee on the Middle East,  
Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean  
Valletta

**Hon. Mr. Suleiman Ghneimat**

Member of the Parliament of Jordan  
Vice-President, Parliamentary Assembly of the  
Mediterranean  
Amman

**Mr. William Casey**

Senior Representative of Nova Scotia  
Former Member of the Canadian Parliament  
Ottawa

*Discussion*

**Coffee break**

5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**CLOSING SESSION**

**H.E. Mr. Saviour Borg**

Rapporteur of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, introducing the Concluding Remarks by the Organizers

*Statements by:*

**Hon. Dr. George Vella**

Chairman of the *ad hoc* Committee on the Middle East Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

**Hon. Mr. Tayseer Quba'a**

Deputy Speaker, Palestinian National Council

**H.E. Mr. Riyad Mansour**

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

**Hon. Dr. Louis Galea**

Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malta

6.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

**PRESS ENCOUNTER**

Syndicate Room Dodona, Oracle Conference Centre  
Dolmen Hotel

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