



# UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

United Nations Office at Geneva, 8 and 9 March 2005

*Theme: Implementing the ICJ Advisory Opinion on the Legal Consequences  
of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory —  
The role of Governments, intergovernmental organizations and civil society*

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## Programme

**Tuesday, 8 March**  
10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.  
Conference Room XVI

### OPENING SESSION

*Statements by:*

Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze  
Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva  
Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Paul Badji  
Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise  
of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

H.E. Mr. Abdullah Abdullah  
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Palestinian Authority  
Representative of Palestine

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Statements by representatives of Governments,  
intergovernmental organizations and the United Nations system

3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

**PLENARY I**  
**The significance of the Advisory Opinion**

A legal analysis of the ICJ Advisory Opinion

The response by the parties to the Advisory Opinion

The reaction of the international community

*Presentations by experts*

Mr. Vaughan Lowe  
Chichele Professor of Public International Law  
All Souls College  
Oxford University

Mr. Michael Bothe  
Professor of Law  
President of the German Association for International Law  
Frankfurt

Mr. Avner Pinchuk  
Lawyer  
Association for Civil Rights in Israel  
Tel Aviv

Mr. Anis Kassim  
Legal Advisor of the Palestinian Defence Team  
to the International Court of Justice  
Amman

Mr. Pierre d'Argent  
Professor of International Law  
Université catholique de Louvain, Collège Thomas More  
Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

Mr. Mahmoud Hmoud  
First Secretary  
Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations  
New York

*Discussion*

**6.30 pm – 8.30 p.m.**

***Reception hosted by H.E. Mr. Paul Badji***  
***Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights***  
***of the Palestinian People***  
***Restaurant Vieux-Bois***  
***12, Avenue de la Paix***

**Wednesday, 9 March**  
10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**PLENARY II**  
**The responsibility of Governments and intergovernmental organizations in upholding international law**

The primacy of international law

Options for individual and collective actions by Governments

The role of the United Nations

*Presentations by experts*

Mr. Georges Abi-Saab  
Honourary Professor of International Law  
Graduate Institute of International Studies  
Geneva

Mr. Pieter H.F. Bekker  
Former ICJ staff lawyer  
Senior Counsel to Palestine in the ICJ advisory proceedings  
New York

Ms. Monique Chemillier-Gendreau  
Professor of Public Law  
University of Paris VII  
Paris

Mr. Michael Lynk  
Professor of Law  
University of Western Ontario  
Ontario

Mr. Marcelo G. Kohen  
Professor of Law  
Graduate Institute of International Studies  
Geneva

*Discussion*

3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

**PLENARY III**  
**The role of parliaments and civil society**  
**in advocating adherence to international law**

Parliaments and international law

The impact of inter-parliamentary organizations

The response of civil society

Engaging the media

*Presentations by experts*

Mr. Daniel Vischer  
Member of the National Council of Switzerland  
Bern

Ms. Julia Wickham  
Coordinator  
Labour Middle East Council  
London

Mr. Jeff Handmaker  
Researcher  
Netherlands Institute of Human Rights  
Utrecht

Rev. Bruce Gillette  
Moderator of the Committee on Peacemaking for the  
216th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Wilmington, DE

Mr. Mark Lance  
Professor of Philosophy, Georgetown University  
Member of the Steering Committee, US Campaign  
to End the Israeli Occupation  
Washington, D.C.

Ms. Anne Massagee  
Legal Researcher  
Al-Haq – Law in the Service of Man  
Ramallah

Mr. Alioune Tine  
Professor at the University of Dakar  
Secretary-General of *Rencontre Africaine Pour la Défense*  
*des Droits de l'Homme* (RADDHO)  
Dakar

*Discussion*

5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**CLOSING SESSION**

*Statements by:*

H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri  
Rapporteur of the Committee on the Exercise  
of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People  
introducing the final document of the Meeting

H.E. Mr. Abdullah Abdullah  
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Palestinian Authority  
Representative of Palestine

H.E. Mr. Paul Badji  
Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise  
of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

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