



UNITED NATIONS AFRICAN MEETING ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

African solidarity with the Palestinian people for the achievement of its inalienable rights

Pretoria, 9 and 10 May 2007

Programme

Wednesday, 9 May
10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

OPENING SESSION

Statements by:

H.E. Mr. Essop Pahad
Minister in the Office of the President
Republic of South Africa

Mr. Tuliameni Kalomoh
Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs
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. Samih Al-Abed
Minister of Public Works, 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 situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,
including East Jerusalem**

The situation on the ground — An overview

Imperatives for the Gaza Strip, including an international protection force, and implications for the West Bank

The responsibility and accountability of the occupying Power under international law

Presentations by experts

H.E. Mr. Samih Al-Abed
Minister of Public Works, Palestinian Authority
Ramallah

Mr. Gideon Levy
Columnist, *Ha'aretz*
Tel Aviv

Mr. Basem Khaldi
Political Affairs Officer; Officer-in-Charge, Gaza Office,
United Nations Special Coordinator
for the Middle East Peace Process
Gaza

Ms. Yasmin Sooka
Executive Director, Foundation for Human Rights
Pretoria

Mr. Iain Scobbie
Sir Joseph Hotung Research Professor in Law, Human Rights
and Peace Building in the Middle East
School of Oriental and African Studies
London

Discussion

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10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

PLENARY II
International efforts aimed at achieving a viable Israeli-Palestinian peace

International engagement – success or failure?

The role of the Quartet

Current international efforts to restart political dialogue

The role of the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly

Presentations by experts

H.E. Mr. Sabri Saidam

Former Minister of Telecommunications
Palestinian Authority
Ramallah

Mr. Ran Cohen

Member of Knesset (Meretz-Yahad)
Tel Aviv

Mr. Henry Siegman

President, US/Middle East Project, Council on Foreign Relations,
New York
Research professor, Sir Joseph Hotung Middle East Programme,
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
London

H.E. Mr. Ronald Kasrils

Minister for Intelligence Services
Republic of South Africa

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Maher

Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Arab Republic of Egypt
Cairo

H.E. Mr. Dumisani Kumalo

Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa
to the United Nations
New York

Discussion

3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

PLENARY III
**African solidarity with the Palestinian people's aspirations
for independence and statehood**

Enhancing Africa's contribution to the Middle East peace process

The role of the African Union

The role of the Pan-African Parliament in supporting a peaceful solution
to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Presentations by experts

H.E. Mr. Salman El Herfi

Ambassador of Palestine to Tunisia
Tunis

Ms. Soyata Maiga

Chairperson, Association of Women Jurists of Mali
Bamako

Mr. Garth le Pere

Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue
Midrand

H.E. Mr. Saadi Altumaizi

Ambassador of Palestine to Ghana
Accra

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,
presenting the final document of the Meeting

H.E. Mr. Aziz Pahad

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
Republic of South Africa

H.E. Mr. Riyad Mansour

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations, New York
Representative of Palestine

H.E. Mr. Paul Badji

Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise
of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

6.30 pm – 8.00 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
Hotel Sheraton Pretoria, Church & Wessels Streets, Arcadia*

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