



**UNITED NATIONS ROUNDTABLE ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF  
THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE CONVENED BY THE  
COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE  
RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE**

United Nations Office at Geneva, 24 and 25 April 2014



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## **PROGRAMME**

**Thursday, 24 April**  
9.30 a.m. – 10.30 p.m.

### **OPENING SESSION**

**Mr. Michael Møller**  
Acting Director-General  
United Nations Office at Geneva

**H.E. Mr. Abdou Salam Diallo**  
Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable  
Rights of the Palestinian People

**Mr. Anders Kompass**  
Director of the Field Operations and  
Technical Cooperation Division  
Office of the Human Rights Commissioner

**H.E. Mr. Issa Qaraqe**  
Minister for Prisoners' Affairs  
State of Palestine

10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**SESSION I**

**The legal status of Palestinian political prisoners and detainees in international law**

The status of “prisoner of war” in international law, its application to Palestinian political prisoners and detainees and the political nature of the Israeli military courts

UN procedures and mechanisms to address the issue of political prisoners: the General Assembly, Human Rights Council, The Committee Against Torture and other Treaty Bodies

Efforts of the Ministry of Prisoners’ Affairs to engage with international institutions

International courts and options for the case of Palestinian prisoners and detainees

**Mr. Fausto Pocar**

Judge and Former President  
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia  
The Hague  
Professor Emeritus, University of Milan  
Milan

**Ms. Sharon Weill**

Lecturer and Academic Coordinator of the Legal Section  
Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action  
University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute  
Geneva

**Mr. James Heenan**

Chief of the Groups in Focus Section, Human Rights Treaties Division  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Geneva

**Mr. Jawad Ammawi**

General Director of Legal Unit  
Minister for Prisoners’ Affairs  
Ramallah

**Ms. Sahar Francis**

General Director  
Addameer - Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association  
Ramallah

3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**SESSION II**

**Available legal mechanisms to ensure compliance with international law and Third Party responsibility**

Responsibilities of the occupying Power under international humanitarian and human rights law

Ensuring compliance with international humanitarian and human rights laws – actions by States Parties to the Geneva Conventions

Engaging the International Court of Justice – the merits of advisory opinions on issues like the wall, settlements, prolonged occupation and political prisoners

**Mr. William Schabas**

Professor of International law  
Director, Doctoral Institute Geneva  
School of Law, Middlesex University  
London

**Mr. Iain Scobbie**

Professor of Public International Law  
School of Law, University of Manchester  
Manchester

**Mr. Michael Bothe**

Professor Emeritus of Public Law  
Johann Wolfgang Goethe University  
Frankfurt

**Ms. Vera Gowlland Debbas**

Honorary Professor of International Law  
Graduate Institute  
Geneva

**Friday, 25 April**

10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

**SESSION III**

**General legal implications stemming from the status of non-Member Observer State**

Legal analysis of GA resolution 67/19 & Rights and obligations of non-member Observer States

International Conventions and treaties

Membership in UN Specialized Agencies and other global organizations

**Mr. Paul Tavernier**

Professor

Director of the Centre for Research and Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Université de Paris XI

Paris

**Ms. Valentina Azarova**

Lecturer in Human Rights and International Law

Al-Quds Bard College, Al-Quds University

Jerusalem

Associate, The MATTIN Group

Ramallah

**Mr. Stanley Michael Lynk**

Professor at the Faculty of Law

The University of Western Ontario

London, Ontario

**Mr. Larry D. Johnson**

Adjunct Professor

Columbia Law School

New York City

3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

**SESSION IV**

**The State of Palestine and International Courts**

Complaints before relevant International Courts:

- Conditions, procedures and practices
- drawbacks and challenges

**Ms. Flavia Lattanzi**

Ad Litem Judge  
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia  
The Hague  
Professor of International Law  
Universita' degli Studi di Roma Tre  
Rome

**H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser**

Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations  
New York

**Ms. Chantal Meloni**

Professor of International Criminal Law  
University of Milan  
Milan

**Mr. Kai Ambos**

Chair of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure,  
Comparative Law and International Criminal Law  
Georg-August-Universität  
Göttingen

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**The Palestinian strategy as of May 2014**

5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Representative of the State of Palestine

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

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