



# UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

*Advancing the peace process – Challenges facing the parties*

Qawra, Malta - 3 and 4 June 2008

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## Programme

**Tuesday, 3 June**  
10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

### OPENING SESSION

*Statements by:*

**The Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta  
Representative of the Host Government

**Mr. Maxwell Gaylard**

Deputy United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East  
Peace Process, United Nations Coordinator for Humanitarian and  
Development Activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory  
Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General

**H.E. Mr. Paul Badji**

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

**H.E. Mr. Tayseer Quba'a**

Deputy Speaker, Palestine National Council  
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**  
**Meeting Road Map commitments**

The impact of settlements on the Palestinian population —  
the scope of the problem

The issue of settlements in the Road Map

The consequences of settlement construction for the territorial integrity  
and contiguity of a future Palestinian State

*Presentations by experts:*

**H.E. Professor Guido de Marco K.U.O.M., B.A., L.L.D.**  
President Emeritus of Malta

**Ms. Hagit Ofran**  
Director, Settlement Watch Project, Peace Now  
Jerusalem

**Mr. Alon Ben-Meir**  
Professor of International Relations and Middle East Studies,  
New York University  
New York

**Mr. Geoffrey Aronson**  
Director of Research and Publications,  
Foundation for Middle East Peace  
Editor of the Foundation's bimonthly Report on  
Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Territories  
Washington, D.C.

*Discussion*

**8.00 p.m.**

***Reception hosted by the Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg,  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta,  
at the Upper Barrakka Gardens, Valletta***

**\* Transport for delegates leaves the Dolmen Hotel at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Wednesday, 4 June**  
10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

**PLENARY II**  
**The wall in the Occupied West Bank**

Physical aspects of the construction

Effects of the construction on Palestinian communities

The wall and international law

*Presentations by experts:*

**Mr. Thierry Delbreuve**

Officer-in-Charge, Geographical Coordination and Monitoring  
Section, United Nations Office for the Coordination  
of Humanitarian Affairs  
Geneva

**Mr. Jad Isaac**

Director-General, Applied Research Institute  
Jerusalem

**The Rt. Hon. Clare Short MP**

Member of the British Parliament for Birmingham Ladywood  
London

**Mr. Nasrat Dakwar**

Lawyer, Association for Civil Rights in Israel  
Jerusalem

**Mr. Pieter Bekker**

Former staff lawyer of the International Court of Justice (ICJ)  
Senior Counsel to Palestine in the ICJ advisory proceedings  
Lecturer-in-Law, Columbia Law School  
New York

*Discussion*

1.00 p.m.

**Press Conference**

**1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.**  
**Menhir Restaurant**  
**Dolmen Hotel**

**Reception hosted by H.E. Mr. Paul Badji,**  
**Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise**  
**of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**

3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

**PLENARY III**

**Jerusalem — Looking forward to a capital of two States**

The status of Jerusalem in international law

Jerusalem between 1947 and today

Jerusalem as a permanent status issue

*Presentations by experts:*

**Mr. Khalil Toufakji**

Director, Maps Department, Arab Studies Society  
Jerusalem

**Mr. Danny Seidemann**

Legal Counsel, Ir Amim  
Jerusalem

**Mr. Hanna Siniora**

Member, Palestinian National Council (PNC)  
Co-Chairman, Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information  
Publisher of The Jerusalem Times  
East Jerusalem

**Ms. Joharah Baker**

Writer with Miftah – The Palestinian Initiative for Global  
Dialogue and Democracy  
Former Editor of the Palestine Report  
Jerusalem

*Discussion*

5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**CLOSING SESSION**

*Statements by:*

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

Rapporteur of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People presenting the final document of the Meeting

**H.E. Dr. Michael Frendo, L.L.D., L.L.M., M.P.**

Chairman, Foreign and European Affairs Committee,  
House of Representatives  
Representative of the Host Government

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

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations  
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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