



CHAIR STATEMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE DELEGATION VISIT TO UGANDA Kampala, 26-28 February 2018

The Delegation of the United Nations General Assembly Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People visited Kampala, Uganda, between 26 and 28 February 2018.

The Committee Delegation consisted of:

Ambassador Fodé Seck (Senegal), Chair of the Committee
Ambassador Mahmoud Saikal (Afghanistan), Vice-Chair of the Committee
Ambassador Carmelo Inganez (Malta), Rapporteur of the Committee
Ambassador Andy Rachmianto (Ambassador of Indonesia to Palestine)
Ambassador Antonio Izaguirrez (Ambassador of Cuba to Uganda)
Ambassador Riyadh Mansour (State of Palestine), Observer of the Committee

The purpose of the Delegation visit was to:

- enhance political and diplomatic ties and support by Uganda for the two-State solution to the Question of Palestine;
- inform about the conditions of life for the Palestinian people under fifty years of Israeli occupation;
- share information about the Committee's mandate and its programme of work and activities, both at the United Nations headquarters in New York and abroad; and
- understand the evolving position of the African countries on the Question of Palestine as well as the regional dynamics in order to promote a united and principled regional position in support of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

The Committee Delegation, over two and a half days, held high-level official meetings and events. It met with the President and the Prime Minister and other Government officials, as well as with the Speaker of Parliament and civil society organisations. A session with students at Makerere University and a reception with the diplomatic corps in Kampala and relevant interlocutors were also organised for purposes of an interactive exchange.

The Committee expresses its sincerest appreciation to the Government of Uganda for receiving the Delegation and reaffirming its support for the two-State solution, which will enable the Palestinian people to achieve their inalienable rights and legitimate national aspirations, including their right to self-determination and freedom in an independent State of Palestine based on the 1967 lines and including East Jerusalem, living side by side in peace with Israel.

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