



COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

MANDATE FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Committee for the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP) was established by the UN General Assembly in 1975. The General Assembly has since renewed the Committee's mandate on an annual basis.

The Committee's work aims at:

- o Promoting a just and peaceful settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and end to Israeli occupation which began in 1967;
- o Realizing the Two-State solution: Israel and Palestine, living side by side within secure and recognized borders;
- o Supporting the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people including self-determination, sovereignty and right to return.

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE

- Exert **efforts towards the realization of the inalienable rights** of the Palestinian People
- Raise **Awareness** about the Question of Palestine by organizing briefings, conferences and meetings across the world on the issue
- **Build Capacity** in Palestinian institutions to enhance the viability of a future independent State of Palestine
- **Advocate** for a peaceful and just settlement based on the Two-State solution through Outreach to Civil Society
- Maintain the United Nations' **institutional memory** on the Question of Palestine through an online document repository (UNISPAL)

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee is composed of 26 Members:

Afghanistan, Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Cyprus, Ecuador, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, and Venezuela.

In addition, 24 Observers participate in the work of the Committee:

Algeria, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, China, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, Yemen, State of Palestine, African Union, League of Arab States, and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

The day-to-day work of the Committee is conducted by the Bureau composed of Permanent Representatives serving in their personal capacity from the following Member States:

- Senegal (Chair);
- Afghanistan, Cuba, Indonesia, Namibia, and Nicaragua (Vice-Chairs);
- Malta (Rapporteur).

The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine participates in the work of the Bureau as an observer.

THE DIVISION FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

The Division for Palestinian Rights in the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat functions as the Secretariat of the Committee and also supports the Committee in the implementation its annual programme of work. The latter includes the planning and organization of international meetings and conferences, outreach to civil society organizations, organization of the observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, and the preparation of various publications. The Division also maintains the "Question of Palestine" website, including the web-based United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine (UNISPAL), and organizes capacity

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