



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

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

The Committee programme of international meetings and conferences, implemented by the Division for Palestinian Rights, contributes to focusing the attention of Governments, intergovernmental and civil society organizations and the public on the urgency of bringing about the two-State solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and mobilizing assistance to the Palestinian people. These conferences bring together diplomatic representatives of UN Member States, parliamentarians, international experts, scholars, and civil society.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE QUESTION OF JERUSALEM

**“Jerusalem and the international community: providing political and economic support”
Baku, 20 and 21 July 2017**

The Conference, convened together with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, provided up-to-date information on the situation in the City, especially in light of the ongoing deteriorating situation following the incidents around the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and presented ideas and proposals about how the international community, especially OIC Member States, can provide concrete support to the Palestinian population in Jerusalem, with a focus on education and training for fostering resilience, especially among youth, and on economic recovery and development, in particular in the tourism sector.

UNITED NATIONS FORUM TO MARK FIFTY YEARS OF OCCUPATION

New York, 29 and 30 June 2017

The Forum consisted of two parts, a day-long event *“Ending the Occupation: The Path to Independence, Justice, and Peace for Palestine”* on 29 June, and a civil society forum *“Ending the Occupation: Creating the Space for Human Rights, Development, and a Just Peace”* on 30 June.

The Forum brought together international experts, representatives of the diplomatic community, civil society, including Palestinians and Israelis, as well as academics and students of diverse backgrounds and views to discuss the ongoing occupation. A series of moderated interactive panels underscored the importance of ending the occupation as an antecedent step towards a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Forum provided experts and civil society organizations (CSOs) with a valuable advocacy platform to inform policy and diplomatic action on the question of Palestine at UN Headquarters.

UNITED NATIONS CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON SDGs

“Partnerships for Empowering a Future State of Palestine: Sustainable Development Goal 17 and South-South and Triangular Cooperation”

Beirut, 23 and 24 April 2017

The workshop for staff of the State of Palestine was organized jointly with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA). It assisted the Government of the State of Palestine in enhancing its capacities in areas identified in Palestine’s National Action Plan on SDGs and the 2016 National Policy Agenda. The Workshop, in accordance with the international community’s pledge to ‘leave no one behind’, focused on supporting the State of Palestine attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and in particular on Sustainable Development Goal 17 and South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

UNITED NATIONS ROUNDTABLE ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

“Building Bridges with Palestinian Diaspora in Central America”

Managua, 4 February 2017

The roundtable brought together prominent Palestinians, including the Mayor of Bethlehem, prominent representatives of the Palestinian diaspora from the region, and academic experts to raise awareness about the critical situation on the ground in Palestine and discuss practical ways in which the Palestinian diaspora in Central America can advocate for ending the occupation and support humanitarian relief, education, health and development efforts in Palestine. The diaspora representatives adopted a “Managua Declaration”.

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE

“Peace is possible – frameworks for a way forward”

United Nations Office at Geneva, 29 and 30 June 2016

Experienced peace negotiators, international experts including from Israel and the State of Palestine, as well as from the United Nations, civil society, and academics gathered at the Palais

des Nations to discuss lessons learned from past initiatives related to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and assessed recent initiatives by key actors, such as the Quartet report and the French initiative. The Conference promoted a discussion of new ideas for a lasting solution to the conflict.

UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR ON ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

“Agenda 2030: Paving the way toward a peaceful, independent and sustainable State of Palestine”

Stockholm, 19 and 20 May 2016

The Seminar provided the opportunity to discuss the challenges of implementing the Sustainable Development Goals under occupation. Palestinian national priorities to achieve the SDGs were presented alongside ways to build sustainable economic growth. The importance of enabling sustainable solutions for a dignified future through the empowerment of women and the youth were also discussed. Finally, the need for strengthened global partnerships and mobilization of international solidarity were on the agenda.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE QUESTION OF JERUSALEM

“Jerusalem at the heart of the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine”

Dakar, 3-4 May 2016

The Conference, convened together with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, featured the Foreign Ministers of Palestine and Senegal. It informed on the situation in East Jerusalem under occupation; identified opportunities to intensify international support for resilience, protection and development in the city; explored possible solutions and scenarios for a just and lasting settlement of the question of Jerusalem; and provided a venue for an open exchange among experts, civil society activists and academics.

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