

**Summary of the Commemoration of the  
International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People,  
Wednesday, 29 November 2018  
Vienna International Centre**

The Special Meeting commenced at 16:00 in Conference room C-3, in the C Building.

Mr. Teymuraz Gogolashvili, Secretary of the meeting, introduced the Chairman, Her Excellency Ms. Natasha MELI DAUDEY, Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations (Vienna), nominated by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People as its Representative.

Following the opening remarks and statement by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People which, Mr. Yuri Fedotov, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna delivered the Secretary-General's statement.

Mr. Thomas Nader, Head of the Department of the Middle East in the Federal Ministry of Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, then read the address on behalf of the Host Country.

In continuation, His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Samir KOUBAA, Head of the Permanent Observer Office of the League of Arab States to the United Nations (Vienna) delivered his statement on behalf of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States His Excellency Ahmed Aboul Gheit.

On behalf of the Arab Ambassadors' Council in Vienna floor was given to H.E. Mr. Sadiq MARAFI, Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait / Chairman of the Arab Ambassadors' Council in Vienna

On behalf of the Non-Aligned-Movement a statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. Jesse CHACON ESCAMILLO, Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations (Vienna)

This was followed by the national statements of the Permanent Representatives of: Turkey - H.E. Mr. Ahmet Muhtar GÜN; People's Republic of China: H.E. Mr. Qun WANG, Cuba - H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio FERNANDEZ PALACIOS, the Arab Republic of Egypt - H.E. Mr. Omar Amer Youssef, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: H.E. Ms. Leena AL HADID, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria - H.E. Mrs. Faouzia MEBARKI, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: H.E. Mr. Jesse CHACON ESCAMILLO, Pakistan – H.E. Mr. Mansoor Ahmad KHAN

In continuation of the representatives of the following Permanent Missions to the United Nations (Vienna) delivered their national statements: the State of Qatar, the Republic of Iraq, South Africa, the Republic of Yemen, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of Morocco, India

After the national statements Dr. Hans Köchler, President of the International Progress Organizations, then spoke, representing the Non-Governmental Organizations. Another

representative of NGOs Mr. Petros Petrou, Political Scientist, World Federation of Trade Unions delivered his statement.

His Excellency Mr. Salahaldin Abdalshafi, Permanent Observer of Palestine read the statement of His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine.

Concluding remarks were addressed by the Chairman.

Representatives from more than 45 Member States and Permanent Observer entities, as well as officials from the Host Country, Executive Secretary of CTBTO, and representatives from UNIDO, IAEA, UNROD, OPEC, OFID, UNODC, NGOs, other invited guests and staff members attended the meeting, overall approximately 110 participants.