

Division for Palestinian Rights

**Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
28-29 November 2018**

Press release

The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is an annual observance that was called for by General Assembly resolution 32/40 B on 2 December 1977 to commemorate the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 181 (II) on 29 November 1947 partitioning the mandate of Palestine into two States. Events commemorating this date are held at the UN Headquarters in New York as well as at UN offices in Geneva, Nairobi and Vienna and other cities around the world.

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a special meeting on **28 November** in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People in the Trusteeship Chamber from 10 a.m. to 1 pm.

The speakers at the special meeting include H.E. Niang Cheikh, Chairman of the Committee, H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Ma Zhaouxu, the President of the Security Council, Mr. António Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Riyad Mansour, Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. M. Shahrul Ikram Yaakob, the Vice-Chair of the UN Special Committee on Illegal Israeli Practices, as well as other representatives of intergovernmental and civil society organizations. This year, Mr. Marc Lamont Hill, social activist and host of BET News and political contributor for CNN, will speak as a representative of civil society at the end of the special meeting. The meeting in New York will be webcast at <http://webtv.un.org>.

All Member States and Observers have been invited to attend the special meeting. United Nations family organizations, intergovernmental and civil society organizations have also been invited to attend. **The meeting is open to the media.** The proceedings, including messages of solidarity with the Palestinian people received in connection with the observance of the Day, will be posted on the website of the Division for Palestinian Rights of the United Nations Secretariat.

Also, the Committee, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a cultural exhibit entitled “*Unrealized Rights, Unfulfilled Promises: 70 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the Palestinian People’s Nakba*” from 29 November 2018 to 4 January 2019. An opening ceremony for the exhibit will take place at 6:30 p.m. on **29 November** in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. At the ceremony, remarks will be made by the Chairman of the Palestinian Rights Committee; a representative of the State of Palestine; and a representative of the Secretary-General.

For further information, please visit <https://www.un.org/unispal/event/international-day-of-solidarity-with-the-palestinian-people-29-november-2018/> or contact the Division for Palestinian Rights of the United Nations Secretariat, email: dpr-meeting@un.org. Participants are encouraged to use the hashtag, **#Rights4Palestine** on social media and to tag the Division’s social media pages.



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