

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
Division for Palestinian Rights

United Nations Forum on the Question of Palestine

“The threat of de facto annexation - What next for Palestine?”

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Press release

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will convene the *United Nations Forum on the Question of Palestine “The threat of de facto annexation – What next for Palestine?”* on 4 April 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1.00 pm and 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. in the Trusteeship Chamber at UN Headquarters in New York.

The Forum is organised in accordance to General Assembly resolution 73/18 of 4 December 2018. It will feature two plenary sessions to address the creeping annexation in the occupied Palestinian territory, its impact on the viability of the two-State solution and on the prospects to find a peaceful resolution to the Question of Palestine.

Forum panels will provide an overview of the situation on the ground with supporting evidence to highlight *de jure* and *de facto* measures which may lead to the Israeli annexation of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, formulate viable and practical recommendations and best practices to stem annexation through legal, political and economic steps including third-State responsibility under international law.

The speakers at the opening session include H.E. Niang Cheikh, Chairman of the Committee, and Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (invited).

All Member States and Observers, United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and civil society organizations have been invited to attend. **The meeting is open to the media.** The proceedings will also be webcast at <http://webtv.un.org>.

For further information, please visit <https://www.un.org/unispal/event/> 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 Committee’s social media pages.



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