

Division for Palestinian Rights

**Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
27 November 2019**

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 at 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 **27 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 will include H.E. Niang Cheikh, Chairman of the Committee, H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Ms. Karen Pierce, the President of the Security Council, Ms. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Chef de Cabinet of 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. Ms. Kshenuka Dhireni Senewiratne, the Chair of the UN Special Committee on Illegal Israeli Practices, as well as representatives of other intergovernmental organizations. This year, Mr. Eugene “Gus” Newport, a civil rights activist and former Mayor of Berkley (California) will speak as 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 United Nations Members 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 Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, of the United Nations Secretariat.

Also, the Committee, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a photo exhibit entitled “*Palestine: the most universal national cause*” featuring pictures and quotes by well-known public figures who have expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people, from 27 November to 6 January 2020. An opening ceremony for the exhibit will take place at 1 p.m. on **27 November** in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building, followed by a reception. At the ceremony, remarks will be made by the Chair of the Palestinian Rights Committee; a representative of the State of Palestine; and UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs.

For further information, please visit <https://www.un.org/unispal/event/international-day-of-solidarity-with-the-palestinian-people/> 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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