

Summary of the Commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, Friday, 29 November 2019 Vienna International Centre

The Special Meeting commenced at 10:30 in Boardroom C, in the C Building.

Mr. Teymuraz Gogoalshvili, Secretary of the meeting, introduced the Chairman, Her Excellency Ms. Khojesta Fana Ebrahimkhel, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan 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. Dennis Thatchaichawalit, Deputy 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. Omar Amer Youssef, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations (Vienna) / Chairman of the Arab Ambassadors' Council in Vienna

On behalf of the Non-Aligned-Movement a statement was delivered by Mr. Rovshan Safarov, Representative of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations (Vienna)

This was followed by the national statements of the Permanent Representatives of: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, People's Republic of China, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Tunisian Republic, Sultanate of Oman, Arab Republic of Egypt, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, State of Qatar, South Africa, Turkey, Kingdom of Morocco, Malaysia, Chile, Lebanon, Republic of Malta, Republic of Iraq, Republic of Namibia, Republic of Yemen, Republic of Peru, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Republic of Angola, People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, State of Kuwait.

In continuation of the representatives of the following Permanent Missions to the United Nations (Vienna) delivered their national statements: Russian Federation, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Indonesia.

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 46 Member States and Permanent Observers, as well as officials from the Host Country, Executive Secretary of CTBTO, and representatives from UNIDO, League of Arab States (LAS), UNROD, OFID, OPEC, UNODC, NGOs, other invited guests and staff members attended the meeting, overall approximately 110 participants.