



*United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
Special Event*

***In Conversation with
His Excellency Mr. Mohammed Shtayyeh
Prime Minister of the State of Palestine***



18 May 2020 at 2:45 p.m.

The General Assembly Palestinian Rights Committee will host virtually an interactive conversation with His Excellency, the Prime Minister of the State of Palestine, Mr. Mohammed Shtayyeh, on recent political developments and the current situation in the State of Palestine.

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Ibrahim Shtayyeh, Prime Minister of the State of Palestine

Mohammed Ibrahim Shtayyeh is a Palestinian government official, politician and economist. He was born in Tell, Nablus, Palestine in 1958. In April 2019, he began his current tenure as Prime Minister of the State of Palestine.

Mr. Stayyeh earned his Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business Administration in Birzeit University and went on to obtain a PhD in Economic Development from the Institute of Development Studies at University of Sussex (UK).

Mr. Shtayyeh has held many leading political, economic, and academic positions in Palestine, among which Professor, and Dean, at Birzeit University and President of Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR). He was later ap University pointed as Secretary-General of the Central Elections Commission (CEC) and supervised the first Palestinian elections in 1996. Mr. Shtayyeh was

appointed twice as Minister of Public Works and Housing, in 2005 and 2008. He was elected as a member of the Central Committee of Fateh Movement in 2009 and 2016.

Mr. Shtayyeh holds other positions, including as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Arab American University; Board of Trustee member of Al-Quds and Al-Istiqlal University. He is also Chairman of the Board of SOS Children's Villages, a governor at the Islamic Development Bank, and President of Hassib Sabbagh Prize for Engineering.

Mr. Shtayyeh has participated in many political and development initiatives across his professional career. He was entrusted with leading key development and reconstruction programmes in Palestine. Additionally, he participated in the establishment of the Palestine Development Fund, the Palestinian Housing Council, and the National Institute for Information Technology. Mr. Shtayyeh also established the Centre for Regional Studies and the National Institute for Administration for the training of public sector employees. He was also a member of the Palestinian delegation to the Madrid peace negotiations and Washington peace talks. Mr. Shtayyeh has also represented Palestine during meetings with donors and in annual World Bank meetings.

Mr. Shtayyeh led the Palestinian delegation to the multilateral negotiations on economic and regional cooperation, which included talks on trade, finance, infrastructure and tourism in the Middle East. He also chaired meetings of the Economic and Social Conference of the Group 77 and China on behalf of the State of Palestine during its chairmanship of the Group in 2019.

Mr. Shtayyeh has published several books on economic, development and political studies as well as history. The most recent are: *Palestine: A Developmental Perspective*; *The Encyclopedia of the Palestinian Terminology*; *The Concise History of Palestine*; *Israeli Settlements and The Erosion of the Two-State Solution*; *Municipalities and Local Authorities and their Role in Economic Development*. He is also the author of a collection of short stories "A Wreath of Thorns".

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