



## VIRTUAL EVENT

2021 UN Forum

### *“International Parliamentary Support to the Question of Palestine”*

Convened by the

**Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**

18 May 2021 (10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Interprefy)

### **Bio Notes of the Moderator & Panellists**

**Mr. Pedro Roque** is a Member of Parliament of Portugal and Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM). He currently also serves as Chair of the Portuguese Parliament’s Standing Committee on Social Security and Labour and Secretary-General of the Social Democratic Workers Movement in Portugal. Previously, he was the Secretary of State of Employment.

**Mr. Alexandre Boulerice** is a Canadian politician. Since 2011 he is representing the district of Rosemont—La Petite-Patrie in the House of Commons as a member from the New Democratic Party (NDP), whose Deputy Leader he became in 2019. He is the Vice-Chair of the Palestine Parliamentary Committee.

**Mr. Francisco Chahuan** is a Chilean lawyer and politician of Palestinian origin. Since 2010, he is a Senator, representing District 6 (Valparaíso Region). In 2006-10, he was a deputy District 14 (Viña del Mar and Concón). He was national vice president of Renovación Nacional (RN), a position he held from 2006 to 2014. In November 2017, he was re-elected for the period 2018-2026.

**Ms. Julie Elliott** is a United Kingdom Labour Party politician, who was first elected as Member of Parliament in 2010 for Sunderland Central and re-elected at the 2019 general election. She is also the Chair of “Labour Friends of Palestine and the Middle East”.

**Mr. Hubert Julien-Laferrriere** is a French economist and politician. As a member of La République En Marche (LREM), he was elected to the National Assembly in 2017, representing the department of Rhône. He had previously served as Mayor of the 9th arrondissement of Lyon. In his capacity of Vice-President of the “France-Palestine International Study Group of the National Assembly”, he recently led a group of 112 parliamentarians of various parties calling on

the EU and France to act to preserve the two-State solution in the Middle East. He is also a member of the Inter-Parliamentarian Union Committee on Middle East Questions.

**Mr. Solomon Lechesa Tsenoli** is a South-African politician, with more than 25 years both legislative and the executive. He is currently the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, having been re-elected in 2019. A Member of Parliament since 1994, he has served in a number of legislative committees, among them the Portfolio Committee on Constitutional Development and Local Government, the Ad Hoc Committee in Represented Political Parties, the Special Ministerial Political Committee on the White Paper on Local Government and the Inter-Ministerial Committee on HIV/AIDS.