

**Summary of the Commemoration of the
International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People,
Monday, 29 November 2021
Virtual event**

The Special Meeting commenced at 16:00.

Mr. Teymuraz Gogolashvili, Secretary of the meeting, opened the meeting introducing the Chair, Her Excellency Ms. Nada Kruger, Permanent Representative of the of the Republic of Namibia 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 Chair on behalf of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Mr. Dennis Thatchaichawalit, Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna delivered the Secretary-General's statement.

Mr. Gerold Vollmer, Director of the Middle East and North Africa Department of the Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria, then delivered his video 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 Group the floor was given to His Excellency Mr. Sultan Salmeen Almansouri, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations (Vienna)

This was followed by the statement of His Excellency Mr. Rovshan Sadigbayli, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations (Vienna) on behalf of the Non-Aligned-Movement.

The next speaker was Her Excellency Ms. Faouzia Mebarki, Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria who delivered her statement on behalf of the African group.

In continuation, Mrs. Nassima Baghli, Permanent Observer of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Geneva delivered her statement on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

A representative of Civil Society, Mr. Hans Koechler, President of the International Progress Organization delivered his statement.

His Excellency Mr. Salahaldin Abdalshafi, Permanent Observer of Palestine read the statement of His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine.

In conclusion, Chair delivered her final remarks and closed the meeting.

Representatives from more than 50 Member States and Permanent Observers, as well as officials from the Host Country, representatives of IGOs: IAEA, UNROD, UNODC, AFOCO, as well as League of Arab States (LAS), EU, OIC, NGOs, City of Vienna and other invited guests and staff members registered and attended the meeting.