



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

Newsletter on Recent and Upcoming Activities

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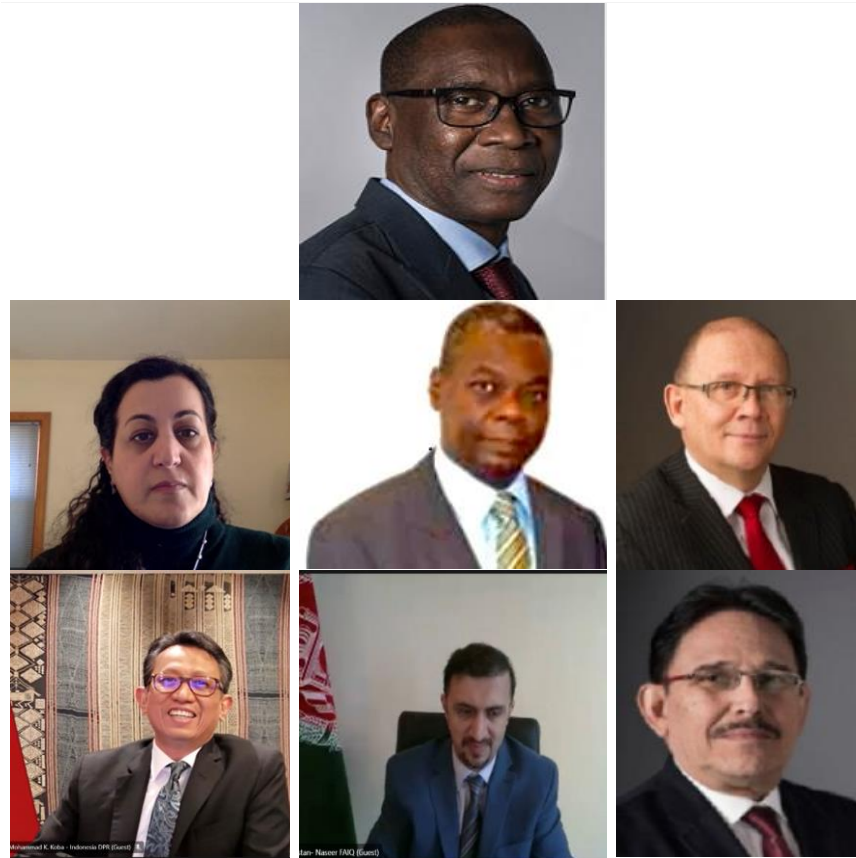
1. Chair delivers statement at the quarterly Security Council Debate on the Middle East



On 19 January, the CEIRPP Vice Chair, H.E. Mr. Arramanatha Nasir, Permanent Representative of Indonesia delivered the Committee’s statement to the Security Council Open Debate on the Situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question. Among other issues, the Statement expressed the Committee’s concern at the increase in the number of injuries and fatalities, continued expulsion of Palestinian families from their homes and demolition of homes and structures, as well as at Israel’s decision of 22 October 2021 designating six human rights and humanitarian Palestinian civil society organizations as “terrorist entities”.

To read the Vice Chair’s statement, click [here](#).

2. First Meeting of the Committee Bureau in 2022



On 1 February, the Bureau of the CEIRPP considered the draft Committee’s 2022 Programme of Work scheduled for adoption by the full Committee and reaffirmed the need for a flexible approach in the implementation of the Programme of Work. The Observer Mission of Palestine briefed on political developments, ongoing Palestinian reconciliation efforts and the recent report by Amnesty International accusing Israel of perpetrating apartheid against [Palestinians](#).

For the link to the Bureau website entry, click [here](#).

3. 406th Committee meeting – Bureau elections and adoption of annual Programme of Work for 2022



On 8 February, the Committee held its first meeting of 2022 with the UN Secretary-General António Guterres presiding over the elections of its Bureau, which was unanimously re-elected by acclamation: as Chair, H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang, Permanent Representative of Senegal; as Vice Chairs: H.E. Mr. Pedro Luis Pedrosa Cuesta, Permanent Representative of Cuba; H.E. Mr. Arramanatha Nasir, Permanent Representative of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Neville Gertze, Permanent Representative of Namibia; and H.E. Mr. Jaime Hermida Castillo, Permanent Representative of Nicaragua. The Meeting also adopted the Committee’s annual Programme of Work for 2022. The Secretary-General reiterated his support to the Committee and its mandate and the UN’s commitment to the Palestinian question, calling for an end to the occupation and the realization of the two-State solution along agreed parameters.

For more details, documents, and video of the event click [here](#).

4. 2022 Briefing Session for New Delegates on the Committee Mandate and Programme of Work



On 28 February, the Division for Palestinian Rights of the UN Secretariat held its annual briefing to new Member States delegates to familiarize them with the Committee’s mandate and its programme of work implemented by the Division. Attended by 12 participants representing 10 Member States, the briefing also featured a presentation by the “Special Information Programme on the Question of Palestine” of the UN Department of Global Communications (DGC). The Chair H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang, Permanent Representative of Senegal, opened the session and H.E. Ms. Feda Abdelhady-Nasser, Deputy Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, delivered concluding remarks.

For the link to the Committee website entry, click [here](#).

5. Analysis Report of the 2021 DPR Client Survey



The UN Division for Palestinian Rights, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the Committee, shared with the Members and Observers of the Committee the findings of the snap client survey undertaken in 2021. The survey, open to all Committee Members and Observers, revealed a high degree of satisfaction with the Secretariat's services enabling the Committee to implement its mandate effectively and efficiently. The survey findings serve to contribute enhancing the implementation of Committee activities going forward.

6. Committee Closed Consultation with Civil Society Organizations on the Question of Palestine



The Committee held closed consultations with civil society organizations (CSOs) on Tuesday, 1 March, with a focus on Israeli settlements, settler-violence and displacement of the Palestinian people in various areas in the OPT and Israel and especially in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood of East Jerusalem. Participants included CSO representatives from Palestine, Israel, and the United States as well as from members and observers of the Committee. The event was part of the regular consultations between the Committee and civil society organizations aimed at hearing first-hand on the situation the ground and exchange views on how the Committee and civil society can create synergies to advance toward a just solution of the Palestinian question.

Click [here](#) for more information on the Committee work with civil society organizations.

7. Chair Delivers Statement to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.



At the invitation of the Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Chair, H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang, Permanent Representative of Senegal delivered a statement at the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22-23 March 2022. The Bureau delegation included H.E. Mr. Riyad Mansour, Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine. The OIC is a valuable strategic partner of the Committee in the implementation of its mandate, jointly convening an annual conference on the question of Jerusalem and funding the reproduction into booklets of highly acclaimed exhibits displayed at the United Nations for the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, electronic version (e-Book) of which is available on UNISPAL.

Click [here](#) for the Chair's statement delivered at the OIC Ministerial meeting.

Click [here](#) for the UN exhibit e-books.

8. Committee Event on the margin of the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66)



On 23 March, the Committee organized a virtual event on "Impact of forced displacement on Palestinian women", focusing on threat of eviction by Israeli authorities and related settlers' violence, especially in the East Jerusalem neighbourhoods of Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan.

H.E. Mr. Neville Gertze, Vice Chair of the Committee and Permanent Representative of Namibia to the UN, moderated an all-female panel, including representative from the Israeli NGO "Ir Amin", two residents of Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan, who shared their personal experiences, the Head of Office of OCHA-OPT and a representative of UNWOMEN. The event was streamed live on UN Web TV and the Committee's social media (Facebook, Twitter and Youtube).

Click here for the CSW66 event [video](#).

Click [here](#) for the Chair's summary of the CSW66 event.

9. Bureau Outreach to Member States and Regional Organisations in 2022



The Bureau of the Committee continued its meetings with New York-based Member States from the Middle East Quartet, the P5 and the E10 Members of the Security Council to exchange ideas on ways to reinvigorate and support international efforts on the resumption of the Middle East Peace Process. Bureau delegations headed by the Chair H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang held meetings with Brazil (23 February) and Ghana (15 March). Additional outreach meetings are planned in the coming months.

10. Bureau Meeting with the President of the 76th Session of the General Assembly



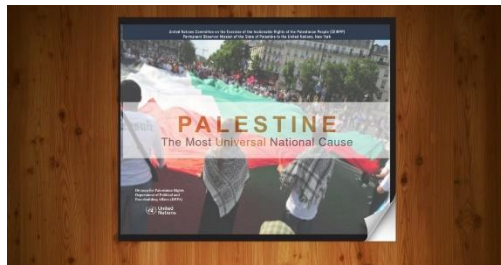
On 30 November, the Bureau of the Committee met with the President of the 76th Session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid. The Bureau stressed that new global crises and conflicts of concern should not divert the international community's attention from the grave situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory where Israel's policies and practices are turning into de facto annexation. The Bureau called for renewed efforts by the international community to facilitate a just, lasting, and comprehensive settlement of the question of Palestine.

Click [here](#) for the press release from the Bureau following the meeting.

11. Release of the UN Exhibit Booklets for 2019 and 2020

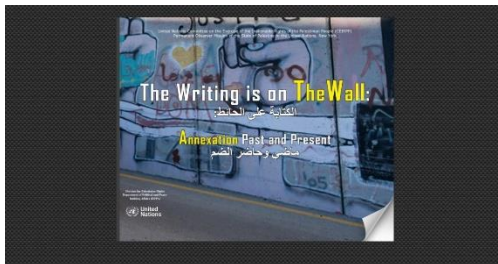
The Division for Palestinian Rights released the 2019 and 2020 editions of the UN Exhibit Booklets. The CEIRPP, with funding from the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the support of the Observer Mission of the State of Palestine, reproduced as printed and e-books for its global advocacy activities, the public exhibitions for the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The 2017 and 2018 Booklets were published and distributed in Q4/2021.

The 2019 Booklet, entitled – “Palestine: The most universal national cause” focuses on support of renowned figures who express their solidarity with the Palestinian people and their cause.



[Palestine \[UN Exhibit 2019\]](#)

The 2020 Booklet, entitled – “The Writing is on the Wall: Annexation Past and Present” focuses on messages and art by numerous artists and human rights activists who have used the Separation Wall as a canvas to express their solidarity.



[The Writing is on the Wall \[UN Exhibit 2020\]](#)

The interactive flipbooks are available on UNISPAL. [No download, no waiting. Open and start reading right away].