



UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP)

Newsletter on Recent Activities

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1. Bureau outreach to Member States and regional organisations in 2022



The Bureau of the Committee continued its meetings with UN Member States from the Middle East Quartet, the P5 and the E10 Members of the Security Council to exchange ideas on ways to reinvigorate international efforts on the resumption of the Middle East Peace Process. A delegation headed by the Chair, H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang, met with the Permanent Representative of Gabon, H.E. Michel Xavier Biang, on 22 April, while Vice-Chairs H.E. Mr. Pedro Luis Pedroso Cuesta (Cuba) and H.E. Mr. Jaime Hermida (Nicaragua) met with the Non-Aligned Movement Caucus in the Security Council on 20 April.

2. Vice-Chair delivers statement at the quarterly Security Council Debate on the Middle East



On 25 April, the Committee Vice-Chair, H.E. Mr. Neville Gertze, 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 situation in Jerusalem and called on Israel to uphold the historic status quo of the holy sites and its obligations under international humanitarian law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention.

To read the full Committee statement, [click here](#).

3. Committee virtual event on “Al Khalil / Hebron - A case study for the impact of Israeli settlements on Palestinian rights under occupation”



On 27 April, the Committee organized a Virtual Event on “Al-Khalil / Hebron – A case study for the impact of Israeli settlements on Palestinian rights under occupation”. The panel was moderated by H.E. Mr. Arrmanatha C. Nasir, Vice-Chair of the Committee and brought together civil society representatives: Mr. Hisham Sharabati, Palestinian human rights defender, Ms. Inès Abdel Razek, Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy, Mr. Sulaiman Khatib and Mr. Avner Wishnitzer, Combatants for Peace. The speakers highlighted the consequences of Israel’s

continued settlement expansion, its overall impact on the Palestinian population and the increase in settlers' violent attacks and harassment against Palestinians.

For the Chair's summary of the event, click [here](#). For the video of the event, click [here](#).

4. Committee delegation's visit to Ireland



From 5 to 7 May, the delegation headed by the Chair, H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang visited Dublin and met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Simon Coveney, and parliamentarians from different political parties. The meetings explored ideas on how Ireland, a current member of the Security Council, could further assist in finding a just and lasting solution to the question of Palestine. The Committee also held a legal seminar on the question of Palestine in Dublin in collaboration with the Irish Centre for Human Rights of the National University of Ireland.

To access the Committee delegation visit website entry, click [here](#).

5. Bureau condemns the killing of Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh



On 11 May, the Bureau issued a statement condemning the killing of Palestinian journalist Ms. Shireen Abu Aqleh while reporting for Al Jazeera news on Israeli military forces' operation in Jenin, in the occupied West Bank. The Bureau expressed its condolences to Ms. Abu Aleh's family and wished a speedy recovery to injured fellow journalist Ali Al-Samoudi. The Bureau reiterated the crucial role played by journalists in conflict zones and the imperative of media freedom. The Bureau called for an immediate, independent, and thorough international investigation into this killing and for bringing to justice those responsible.

To access the statement, click [here](#).

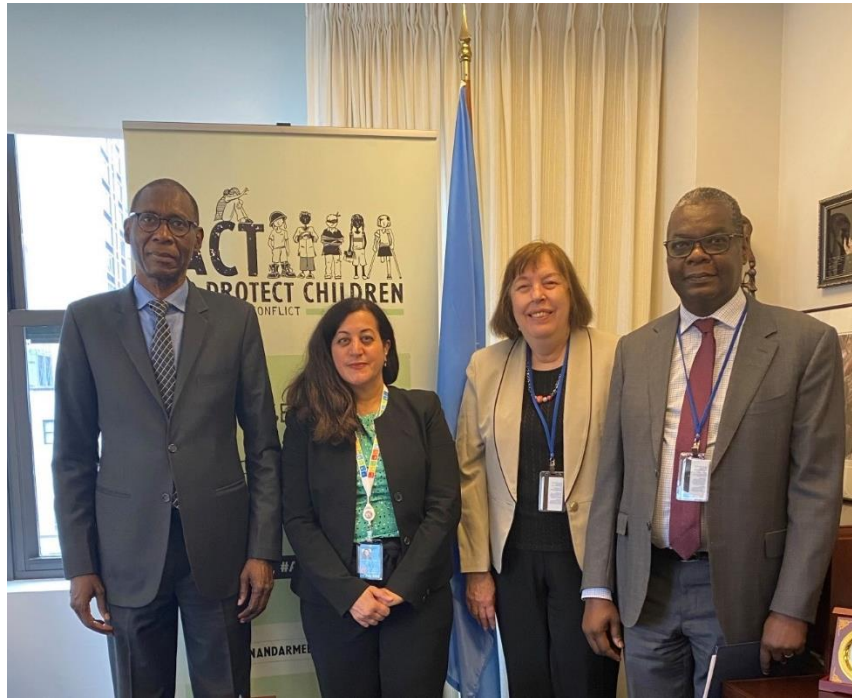
6. Virtual event on “Apartheid, International Law and the Occupied Palestinian Territory”



On 16 June, the Committee held a virtual event on “Apartheid, International Law, and the Occupied Palestinian Territory” featuring a conversation between Mr. Zeid Ra’ad Al-Hussein, President of International Peace Institute and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Ms. Agnès Callamard, Secretary-General of Amnesty International. Dr. Naledi Pandor, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa, delivered a virtual statement on the occasion.

For the video of the event, click [here](#).

7. Bureau meets with SRSG-Children and Armed Conflict



On 22 June, a Bureau delegation met with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Virginia Gamba, to apprise her of the situation of Palestinian children under occupation and requested the SRSG to increase focus on this issue in the implementation of her mandate.