

**Summary of the Commemoration of the
International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People,
Tuesday, 29 November 2022
Vienna International Centre**

The Special Meeting commenced at 16:00 in Conference Room C-1, in the C Building.

Mr. Stephane Vazelle, Secretary of the meeting, introduced 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 Chairman on behalf of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People which, Ms. Ghada Waly, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna delivered the Secretary-General's statement.

H.E. Ms. Gabriela Sellner, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Office at Vienna, then delivered her address on behalf of the Host Country.

In continuation, H.E. 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 H.E. Mr. Mohamed Elmolla, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations (Vienna).

On behalf of the African Group a statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. Rapulane Sydney Molekane, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Vienna.

And on behalf of the Non-Aligned-Movement a statement was delivered by Mr. Shahin Shahyarov, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations (Vienna)

This was followed by the national statements of the permanent representatives of: State of Qatar, Sultanate of Oman, Republic of Yemen, Arab Republic of Egypt, People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, State of Kuwait, Kingdom of Morocco, Republic of Iraq, Syrian Arab Republic.

In continuation of the representatives of the following Permanent Missions to the United Nations (Vienna) delivered their national statements: Cuba, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, South Africa, Türkiye, Ecuador, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Malta, Tunisian Republic, Republic of Namibia and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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.

Concluding remarks were addressed by the Chairman.

Representatives around 50 Member States and Permanent Observers (EU, GCC, LAS), as well as officials from the Host Country, representatives from VIC based organizations: IAEA, UNIDO, CTBTO, Executive Director of UNROD, representatives from NGOs, other invited guests and staff members attended the meeting, overall approximately 90 participants.