



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

Newsletter on Recent Activities

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1. Ongoing Bureau outreach to Member States and regional organisations

The Bureau of the Committee continued its meetings with 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 Albania, H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha on 4 August 2022. The meeting was thus an opportunity to exchange ideas and explore options for supporting efforts leading to the resumption of negotiations and a just and lasting peace between Israel and Palestine.

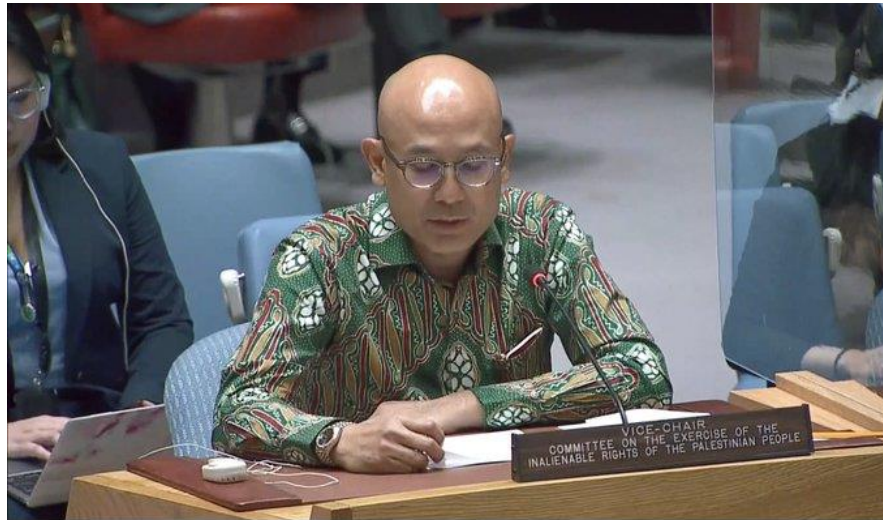
2. Committee virtual event on Jerusalem on 20 July



On 20 July, the Committee convened a virtual event on the Question of Jerusalem, with the support of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The conference entitled "Palestinian Youth in East Jerusalem under Occupation" was live streamed on UN Web TV. Participants discussed Palestinian identity and resilience in East Jerusalem and ways to empower youth to promote change, among other topics. The President of the 76th General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid; the Director of Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department of the Organisation

of Islamic Cooperation, H.E. Mr. Ali Goutali, and the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Riyad Mansour, also delivered statements.

3. Vice-Chair addresses the quarterly Security Council Debate on the Middle East



On 26 July, the Committee Vice-Chair, H.E. Mr. Arrmanatha C. Nasir, Permanent Representative of Indonesia delivered the Committee's statement during 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 over ongoing developments in Masafer Yatta and called on the Security Council to firmly demand that the Government of Israel immediately end all settlement expansion, demolitions, and confiscations of Palestinian property in compliance with international law and UN resolutions.

4. Committee Chair's visit to Amman, Jordan 25 July



On 25 July, the Chair of the Committee, H. E. Ambassador Cheikh Niang visited Amman and met with Mr. Mohammed Hindawi, Director of Negotiations Coordination Bureau of the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Chair expressed appreciation for Jordan's support for

the Palestinian people's rights and discussed support for UNRWA. The Chair also met with Mr. Ghulam Isaczai, Acting UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Jordan. The Chair updated interlocutors about the recent activities of the Committee, particularly the upcoming Strategic Communications Workshop.

5. Communication Strategy Workshop for officials of the Government of the State of Palestine, 25-26 July



The Committee organized a two-day Communication Strategy Workshop for officials of the Government of the State of Palestine. The Workshop took place on 25-26 July 2022 in Amman, Jordan in cooperation with the Prime Minister's Office of the State of Palestine. The Chair of the Committee, Ambassador Cheikh Niang attended the opening ceremony of the workshop, which was attended by 21 high-ranking representatives from 20 Palestinian Government agencies. The workshop curriculum comprised 4 main topics: strategic thinking, understanding the audience, developing key messages, and delivering meaningful communications.

6. Bureau welcomes ceasefire in Gaza and calls for immediate implementation of the two-State Solution

On 8 August, the Bureau issued a statement condemning the escalation of violence between Israel and Palestinian Islamic Jihad militants, following Israeli air strikes and artillery attacks on densely populated areas. The Bureau welcomed the Secretary-General's call on all sides to observe the ceasefire and commended Egypt for its mediation role in deescalating the situation. The Bureau called on Israel to end practices of collective punishment against Palestinians in Gaza and ensure accountability for persistent violations of international human rights and humanitarian law committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The Bureau further appealed for the immediate lifting of the siege against Gaza, and for an end to Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territory and the implementation of two-State solution based on relevant United Nations resolutions and international law.

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

7. Bureau meets with the Secretary General



On 25 August, the Bureau of the Committee met with Secretary-General António Guterres to discuss recent developments in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and steps that could be taken by the international community towards a solution of the conflict. The Chair, speaking on behalf of the Committee, expressed concern over the deteriorating situation and an erosion of the prospect of a two-State solution. The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine reiterated these concerns and highlighted the need for greater protection for Palestinians, particularly children and refugees. The Secretary-General assured the Committee that the question of Palestine remained high on his agenda and all meeting participants agreed on the need to support UNRWA and its fundraising efforts.

8. Committee adopts the 2022 Annual Report



On 30 August, the Committee held a meeting during which it considered and adopted its 2022 Annual Report without amendments. The Report summarized recent Committee activities and

called on all UN Member States to continue implementing the Report's recommendations. The Mission of Palestine updated the Committee on the situation in the OPT and other diplomatic developments. The Director of the UNRWA Representative Office in New York briefed the Committee and encouraged Member States to support the upcoming renewal of UNRWA's mandate and to ensure funding for the Agency's programme budget.

9. Bureau meets with Ms. Maysoon Salama



On 8 September, the Palestinian Rights Committee's Bureau honoured Ms. Maysoon Salama, author and the mother of a New Zealand terror attack victim, at a meeting hosted by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the UN. The meeting was also attended by UNRWA Representative Office Director Greta Gunnarsdottir and UN Department of Global Communications' Outreach Division Director Maher Nasser. Ms. Salama who lost her son in the terrorist attack on a mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand in 2019, was participating in the UN Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism in New York and is also featured in the Memories Exhibit. The Bureau conveyed their deepest condolences and voiced their strong condemnation of the killing of innocent people and expressed their full solidarity with the victims.

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