



# INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

*Israeli settlements as an obstacle to peace – possible ways forward*

Brussels, 7 and 8 September 2015

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## Programme

**Monday, 7 September**

10.00 – 13.00

### OPENING SESSION

*Statements by:*

**Ms. Rima Khalaf**

Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary,  
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia  
Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

**H.E. Mr. Fodé Seck**

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

**H.E. Mr. Samir Bakr Diab**

Assistant Secretary-General for Palestine Affairs  
Representative of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

**H.E. Ms. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh**

Assistant Secretary-General  
Representative of the League of Arab States

**H.E. Mr. Riad Malki**

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine  
Representative of the State of Palestine

*Keynote address*

*Recess*

11.00

### PRESS CONFERENCE

11:30

Statements by representatives of Governments, intergovernmental  
organizations and the United Nations system

15.00 –18.00

**PLENARY I**

**Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,  
including East Jerusalem – Situation on the ground**

The impact of the occupation on the Palestinian population

Humanitarian impact and international action to provide relief/redress

The economic cost of settlements

*Presentations by experts:*

**Ms. Rima Khalaf**

Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary,  
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia  
Beirut

**Mr. Abdulhadi Hantash**

Expert on land and settlements  
Hebron

**Mr. Jad Isaac**

General Director, Applied Research Institute  
Bethlehem

*Discussant:* **Mr. Mouin Rabbani**

Senior fellow, Institute for Palestine Studies  
Co-editor, *Jadaliyya*  
Amman

*Discussion*

18.15 – 20.00

**Reception hosted by the Chairman of the Committee**

**Tuesday, 8 September**  
10.00 – 13.00

**PLENARY II**  
**Legal aspects of Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem**

Settlements in international humanitarian law

Settlements in Israeli law

Strategies to address the issue of settlements under current legal frameworks

*Presentations by experts:*

**H.E. Mr. Walid Assaf**

Minister  
Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission  
Birzeit

**Ms. Christine Chanet**

Former Chairperson, UN Human Rights Council's  
Fact-finding Mission on Israeli Settlements  
Member, UN Human Rights Committee; UN Committee against Torture  
Paris

**Mr. Shawan Jabarin**

General Director, Al Haq  
Ramallah

**Mr. Ardi Imseis**

Department of Politics and International Studies  
University of Cambridge  
Cambridge

*Discussant:*

**Mr. Francois Dubuisson**

Professor  
Université Libre de Bruxelles  
Brussels

*Discussion*

15.00 – 17.00

**PLENARY III**  
**Settlements and the two-State solution**

The role of the international community, including regional organizations

Import of goods produced in Israeli settlements and EU guidelines

Action by Parliamentarians, civil society and local authorities

Action in Israel

*Presentations by experts :*

**Ms. Martina Anderson** (*presenting via Skype*)  
Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation  
for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council  
Brussels

**Mr. Hugh Lovatt**  
Coordinator for Israel/Palestine  
European Council on Foreign Relations  
London

**Mr. Daniel Seidemann**  
Lawyer; Founder, Terrestrial Jerusalem  
Tel Aviv

**Ms. Anat Ben Nun**  
Director of Development and External Relations  
Peace Now  
Tel Aviv

**Ms. Lotte Leicht**  
European Union Advocacy Director  
Human Rights Watch  
Brussels

*Discussant:* **Mr. Martin Konecny**  
Director, European Middle East Project  
Brussels

*Discussion*

17.15 – 18.00

**CLOSING SESSION**

*Statements by:*

Representative of the State of Palestine

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

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