



UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR ON ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

Doha, 5 and 6 February 2007

Programme

Monday, 5 February
10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
Al Majlis

OPENING SESSION

Statements by:

H.E. Mr. Ahmad Bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
Member of the Council of Ministers of the State of Qatar

Ms. Angela Kane
Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs
Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Paul Badji
Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise
of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Mr. Nabil Sha'ath
Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council
Representative of Palestine

11.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

Recess

11.45 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Al Majlis

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

1.00 p.m.
Foyer

Lunch offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar

3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Al Rayyan

PLENARY I
Socio-economic and humanitarian emergency in the
Occupied Palestinian Territory

The impact of the occupation on the Palestinian economy

Socio-economic decline of the Gaza Strip

The plight of the most vulnerable: Living conditions of Palestinian women, children and the elderly

Presentations by experts:

Mr. Salam Fayyad

Member, Palestinian Legislative Council and
Former Minister of Finance, Palestinian Authority
Ramallah

Mr. Ahmad Tibi

Deputy Speaker of Knesset
Head of Arab Movement for Change Party
Tel Aviv

Ms. Allegra Pacheco

Chief, Information and Advocacy Unit
United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
Jerusalem

Ms. Marwa Abu Dagga

Board Member, Palestinian Working Women's Society
for Development
Gaza

Mr. Khaled Abdel Shafi

Head, Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People,
United Nations Development Programme
Gaza

Ms. Sara Roy

Research Associate, Center for Middle Eastern Studies,
Harvard University
Cambridge, MA

Discussion

6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
Sheraton Hotel

*Reception hosted by H.E. Mr. Paul Badji, Chairman of the Committee
on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People*

Tuesday, 6 February
10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Al Rayyan

PLENARY II
International response to the needs of the Palestinian people

Support by the United Nations system

International donor assistance, including the Temporary International Mechanism

The role of regional donors

Presentations by experts:

Mr. Lex Takkenberg

Director of Operational Support, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
Amman

Mr. Shir Hever

Economic Researcher, Alternative Information Center
Jerusalem

Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif

Officer in-Charge, Assistance to the Palestinian People Unit,
Division on Globalization and Development Strategies,
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
Geneva

Mr. Alexander Costy

Head of Coordination, United Nations Office of the Special
Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process
Jerusalem

Discussion

1.00 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.
Al Rayyan

Press conference

1.00 p.m.
Foyer

Lunch offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar

3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Al Rayyan

PLENARY III

Looking ahead: Creating conditions for Palestinian economic recovery

Urgent political imperatives – Resuming the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue

Restoring the Palestinian Authority’s economic capacity

Addressing socio-economic and humanitarian priorities

Presentation by experts:

Mr. Mohammed Shtayyeh

Former Minister of Public Works and Housing, Palestinian Authority
and President, Palestinian Economic Centre for Development and
Reconstruction
Jerusalem

Ms. Zahava Gal-On

Member of the Knesset (Meretz)
Tel Aviv

Mr. Samir Abdullah

Director-General, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute
Ramallah

Mr. Sari Nusseibeh

President, Al-Quds University
Jerusalem

Discussion

5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Al Rayyan

CLOSING SESSION

Statements by:

H.E. Mr. Mohammed Abdullah Mutib Al Rumaihi

Assistant Foreign Minister for Follow Up Affairs of the State of Qatar

H.E. Mr. Riyad Mansour

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations
Representative of Palestine

H.E. Mr. Paul Badji

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