Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations



البعثة المراقبة الدائمة لدولة فلسطين لدى الأمم المتحدة

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The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations, and has the honor to refer to the upcoming resumption of the **tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly** on 10 May 2024 and the **draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.30)** tabled in this regard, entitled "Admission of new members to the United Nations".

The State of Palestine wishes to inform that a revised text has been uploaded on the e-delegate system for the valuable consideration of delegations. The amendments to the text have been made to provide clarifications regarding the scope and implications of the draft resolution. The draft is attached to the present note for ease of reference.

The **State of Palestine renews its solemn appeal to all States for their support of the draft resolution** when it is voted on by the General Assembly tomorrow, Friday, 10 May 2024.

This important initiative will enable the Assembly to add it voice to the deliberations on the State of Palestine's application for admission to membership in the United Nations by calling on the Security Council to reconsider the matter favorably.

It will also constitute a clear **reaffirmation of support at this very critical moment for the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including the right to their independent State**, in accordance with international law and the relevant UN resolutions, and for the aspirations of the State of Palestine to seek **its rightful place among the community of nations**.

Moreover, it will be a significant renewal of the international community's commitment to justly resolving the question of Palestine and ending this historic injustice by bringing an end to the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, and realizing the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and a just and lasting peace, representing a tangible investment to preserving the two-State solution, as enshrined in UN resolutions, and investment in peace.

The State of Palestine thus respectfully reiterates its appeal to all States for their valuable cosponsorship and vote in favor when the draft resolution is acted upon by the General Assembly in its resumed 10th emergency special session on Friday, 10 May 2024, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Permanent Missions to the United Nations New York

REV.1

Draft Resolution on Admission of new Members to the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and stressing in this regard the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including its resolutions concerning the Question of Palestine, including, *inter alia*, resolution ES-10/22 of 12 December 2023,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, by which it affirmed, inter alia, the duty of every State to promote, through joint and separate action, realization of the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,

Stressing the importance of maintaining and strengthening international peace founded upon freedom, equality, justice and respect for fundamental human rights,

Reaffirming its resolution 3236 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and all relevant resolutions, including resolution 78/192, reaffirming the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including the right to their independent State of Palestine,

Reaffirming the principle, set out in line with the Charter, of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force,

Stressing the need for respect for and preservation of the territorial unity, contiguity and integrity of all of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

Reaffirming its resolutions 43/176 of 15 December 1988 and 77/25 of 30 November 2022 and all relevant resolutions regarding the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine, which, inter alia, stress the need for the withdrawal of Israel from the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, primarily the right to self-determination, including the right to their independent State, the complete cessation of all Israeli settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

Reaffirming its unwavering support, in accordance with international law, for a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East on the basis of the relevant United Nations resolutions, including Security Council resolution 2334 (2016) of 23 December 2016, the Madrid terms of reference, including the principle of land for peace, and the Arab Peace Initiative and for the two-State solution of Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security within recognized borders, based on the pre-1967 borders;

Recalling its relevant resolutions on the status of Palestine in the General Assembly including its resolutions 3210 (XXIX) of 14 October 1974 and 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, resolution 43/177 of 15 December 1988, resolution 52/250 of 7 July 1998, resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012, and resolution 73/5 of 16 October 2018,

Noting that the State of Palestine is a party to many instruments concluded under the auspices of the United Nations and has joined several specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations as a full member,

Aware that the State of Palestine is a full member of the League of Arab States, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the Group of Asia-Pacific States and the Group of 77 and China,

Having examined the special report of the Security Council to the General Assembly (A/78/856),

Stressing its conviction that the State of Palestine is fully qualified for membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter,

Noting the widespread affirmations of support of Members of the United Nations for the admission of the State of Palestine to membership in the United Nations,

Expressing deep regret and concern that, on 18 April 2024, one negative vote by a permanent member of the Security Council prevented the adoption of the draft resolution supported by twelve members of the Council recommending the admission of the State of Palestine to membership in the United Nations,

Recalling that membership in the United Nations is open to all peace-loving states which accept the obligations contained in the Charter and, in the judgment of the Organization, are able and willing to carry out these obligations

- 1. *Determines* that the State of Palestine is qualified for membership in the United Nations in accordance with article 4 of the Charter and should therefore be admitted to membership in the United Nations;
- 2. Accordingly recommends that the Security Council reconsider the matter favorably, in light of this determination and of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 28 May 1948, and in strict conformity with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations;
- 3. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis and without setting a precedent, to adopt the modalities set out in the annex to the present resolution for the participation of the State of Palestine in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and the international conferences convened under the auspices of the Assembly or other organs of the United Nations, as well as in United Nations conferences;
- 4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, insofar as the rights concerned could be exercised by a non-member of the Council, and other relevant organs, specialized agencies, organizations and entities within the United Nations system to apply the above-mentioned modalities;
- 5. *Reaffirms* the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including the right to their independent State of Palestine;
- 6. *Stresses that* compliance with and respect for the Charter of the United Nations and international law is a cornerstone of peace and security in the region;
- 7. *Calls for* renewed and coordinated efforts by the international community aimed at achieving without delay an end to the Israeli occupation that began in 1967 and a just, lasting and peaceful settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in accordance with international law, the relevant United Nations resolutions, including Security Council resolution 2334 (2016), the Madrid terms of reference, including the principle of land for peace, and the Arab Peace Initiative and

reaffirming in this regard its unwavering support for the two-State solution of Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security within recognized borders, based on the pre-1967 borders;

- 8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to implement the present resolution;
- 9. *Decides* to adjourn the tenth emergency special session temporarily and to authorize the President of the General Assembly at its most recent session to resume its meeting upon request from Member States.

ANNEX

The additional rights and privileges of participation of the State of Palestine shall be given effect through the following modalities as of the 79th session of the General Assembly, without prejudice to its existing rights and privileges:

(a) The right to be seated among Member States in alphabetical order;

(b) The right of inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items other than Palestinian and Middle East issues in the order in which it signifies its desire to speak;

(c) The right to make statements on behalf of a group, including among representatives of major groups;

(d) The right to submit proposals and amendments and introduce them, including orally, including on behalf of a group;

(e) The right to co-sponsor proposals and amendments, including on behalf of a group;

(f) The right to make explanations of vote on behalf of the States Members of a group;

(g) The right of reply regarding positions of a group;

(h) The right to raise procedural motions, including points of order and requests to put proposals to the vote, including the right to challenge the decision of the presiding officer, including on behalf of a group;

(i) The right to propose items to be included in the provisional agenda of the regular or special sessions and the right to request the inclusion of supplementary or additional items in the agenda of regular or special sessions;

(j) The right <u>of members of the delegation of the State of Palestine</u> to be elected <u>as officers</u> in the Plenary and Main Committees of the General Assembly;

(k) The right to full and effective participation in <u>United Nations conferences and international conferences</u> and <u>meetings high level meetings and international conferences</u> convened under the auspices of the General Assembly, or, as appropriate, under the auspices of other organs of the United Nations, as well as United Nations conferences, including the right to vote. in line with its participation in the High Level Political Forum. (1) The State of Palestine, in its capacity as an observer State, does not have the right to vote in the General Assembly or to put forward its candidature to United Nations organs.