



# UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN SUPPORT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE

*Re-launching the Israeli-Palestinian peace process – Challenges and vision*

FAO Headquarters, Rome, 22 and 23 March 2007

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## Programme

**Thursday, 22 March**  
10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

### OPENING SESSION

*Statements by:*

**Mr. Jacques Diouf**

Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations

**Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze**

Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva,  
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. Qais Abdel-Karim**

Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council  
Representative of Palestine

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

3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**PLENARY I**

**Peace in the Middle East: A key to the advancement of the dialogue between cultures and civilizations**

Bridging the gap between Muslim and Western societies – the urgency of resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Building peace in Jerusalem – the Holy City of three religions

Fostering the alliance of civilizations – the United Nations initiative

*Greetings on behalf of the Holy See:*

**Msgr. Pietro Parolin**

Under-Secretary for Relations with States

*Presentations by experts:*

**Sheikh Taysir Al-Tamimi**

The Supreme Judge of Sharia Courts in Palestine

The Head of Supreme Council of Preserving Islamic Holy Sites

**Fr. Giuseppe Marco Malagola**

Delegation of Terra Santa in Rome

**Rabbi Chaim A. Cohen**

Member of the Board of Directors, Rabbis for Human Rights  
Jerusalem

**Mr. Hazem Mohammed Karkutly**

Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
Riyadh

**Mr. Bernard Sabella**

Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council  
Representative of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem  
*representing*

His Beatitude Msgr. Michel Sabbah  
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

**Mr. Gideon Levy**

Columnist, *Ha'aretz*  
Tel Aviv

**Mr. Staffan de Mistura**

Director, United Nations System Staff College  
Turin

*Discussion*

**6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.**  
**Aventino Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Building B, FAO - Rome**

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

**Friday, 23 March**  
10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

**PLENARY II**  
**The role of parliaments in promoting dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians**

The role of national parliaments

The impact of inter-parliamentary and regional organizations

The Euro-Mediterranean partnership/Barcelona process – strengthening dialogue for peace and stability in the region

*Presentations by experts:*

**Mr. Richard Burden**

Member of Parliament, House of Commons  
London

**Mr. Shamil Sultanov**

Member of the State Duma of the Russian Federation  
Member of the State Duma's Committee on International Affairs  
Moscow

**Ms. Nadia Hilou**

Member of Knesset (Labour – Meimad)  
Tel Aviv

**Mr. Abdullah Abdullah**

Head of the Political Committee, Palestinian Legislative Council  
Ramallah

**The Honourable Ismail Vadi**

Member of the National Assembly of the Parliament of South Africa  
Cape Town

**Mr. Ran Cohen**

Member of Knesset (Meretz)  
Tel Aviv

*Discussion*

3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

### **PLENARY III**

#### **Restoring momentum to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and forging a vision of a final settlement**

Action by international parties, incl. the European Union

The engagement of regional parties

The role and responsibility of the United Nations

*Presentations by experts:*

**Mr. Yair Hirschfeld**

Director-General, Economic Cooperation Foundation  
Senior lecturer in the History of the Middle East, University of Haifa  
Senior Fellow in Middle East Peace and Security, James A. Baker III  
Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, Houston, TX

**Mr. Qais Abdel-Karim**

Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council

**Mr. Staffan de Mistura**

Director, United Nations System Staff College  
Turin

**Mr. Ziad Asali**

President, American Task Force on Palestine  
Washington, D.C.

**Ms. Luisa Morgantini**

Member of the European Parliament  
Brussels

*Discussion*

5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

### **CLOSING SESSION**

*Statements by:*

**H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri**

Rapporteur of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable  
Rights of the Palestinian People presenting the final document

**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