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QUESTION OF PALESTINE

Letter dated 2 May 1980 from the Permanent Representative of
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter addressed to Your Excellency by the Second International Conference in Solidarity with the Peasants and People of Palestine, held at Baghdad from 30 March to 2 April 1980, (annex I) together with the Final Statement, in Arabic, English and French, issued by the Conference (annex II).

I would kindly request that the above enclosures be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 24 of the preliminary list.

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Permanent Representative

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ANNEX I

Letter dated 2 April 1980 from the Second International Conference
in Solidarity with the Peasants and People of Palestine to the
Secretary-General

At the time the Security Council is treating the topic of the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and to repatriation and to set up their independent State in Palestine,

We, members of the Second International Conference in Solidarity with the Peasants and People of Palestine who convened in Baghdad from 30 March to 2 April 1980, would like to inform you, and through you to inform all the United Nations Members, that we totally support and uphold the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine and consider that for the Palestinian people to exercise their right is the main criterion by which to judge abidance by the United Nations principles and aims, and the measure by which to judge the efficaciousness of the United Nations, as well its abidance by its Charter and resolutions.

We, members of the Conference, see that belated exercise by the Palestinian people of these rights dispels security and peace, not only in the Middle East area, but in the whole area as well.

The Conference greets the Security Council members who agreed to and abided by the latest resolution which first condemned the Zionist entity's policy of setting up settlements on the occupied land of Palestine as violating the principles of international law, and of the Fourth Geneva Accord, and which secondly required that these settlements should be removed.

The Conference also denounces the United States of America's going back on its stand of supporting this resolution, which is a new evidence of the close co-operation between American imperialism and world zionism.

As peasants, agricultural workers and agricultural co-operatives workers, who are basically and inextricably linked to the land, we severely denounce the Zionist entity's policy of sequestrating the Palestinian land regardless of its rightful owners for the purpose of setting up Zionist settlements to be occupied by alien Zionists brought forth from every nook and corner in the world. We deem that this policy means uprooting the Palestinian people from their rightful land, and is an attempt to obliterate and efface their identity as well as a step on the way to exterminating them from the Palestinian land and having them expelled from it.

In the light of all this we call on you, proceeding from the responsibilities with which you are entrusted in accordance with the Charter, to make your utmost efforts to put an end to this racist policy which the Zionist entity follows and to acquaint world public opinion with the aim of this policy, which is to terminate Arab presence in Palestine.

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Annex I

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In this connexion we attach a copy of the resolutions approved by the Conference, in order that you may know the extent of world support enjoyed by the peasants and people of Palestine, as well as the solidarity of the forces participating in the Conference with the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian people's inalienable rights and cause.

With all the Conference's appreciation and thanks to Your Excellency.

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ANNEX II

Final Statement issued by the Second International Conference
in Solidarity with the Peasants and People of Palestine,
held at Baghdad from 30 March to 2 April 1980

In accordance with the resolution taken by the preparatory committee which included in its membership :

- a) The World Union of Agricultural, Forestry and Horticulture workers.
- b) Arab Peasants' Union.
- c) Peasant Unions in each of :

The Soviet Union

Bulgaria

Poland

Cuba

Belgium

Italy

India

Ghana

Syria

Iraq

Algeria

Al Gamahiriya

Palestine,

And under the slogan :

We liberate from the land of Palestine in parallel with the process of liberating the Arab man, the General Union of the Farmers' Cooperative Societies has hosted the Second International Conference in Solidarity with the Peasants and People of Palestine.

This conference was held in Baghdad from the 30th of March to 2nd of April 1980, under the patronage of the militant leader President Saddam Hussain, who deputied Mr. Ezzat Ibraheem to attend on his behalf.

Mr. Ezzat Ibraheem gave an inclusive address that stressed the pan-Arab nature of the battle with the zionist entity which is backed by American imperialism, the enemy of the Arab Nation and of all peoples of the world. Mr, Ibraheem also hailed in his address the farmers' role in the battle. The address was an objective analysis of all the national, revolutionary and progressive dimensions of the battle.

The conference was also attended by brother Mohammed Zohdi Al-Nashasheebi, Secretary General of the Palestinian Liberation Organization's Executive Committee, as representative of militant brother Yassir Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Commander-in-Chief of the Palestinian Revolution's forces. Brother Al-Nashashibi delivered an address that dealt with the Land Day, the struggle of the peasants and people of Palestine and the repressive measures taken by the zionist entity against the farmers and people of palestine.

After the conference had listened to the addresses of each of the Preparatory Committee, the General Union of the Farmer's Cooperative Societies in Iraq, and the Palestinian Peasants Union, each of the 173 participating delegations addressed the conference. These were delegations from peasant and agricultural labour Unions and from agricultural cooperatives, as well as from some world forces and organizations in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Eastern and Western Europe, the U.S.A., and Canada.

The conference discussed the report forwarded by its preparatory committee, and the two documents forwarded by both the Palestinian Peasants Federation and the General Union of the Farmers' Cooperative Societies in Iraq. Both documents dwelt on the palestinian cause, and the struggles mounted by

the Arab people of Palestine under the leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Organization as the legitimate and sole representative of the Arab People of Palestine.

The conference also listened to the message sent the conference by militant brother Yassir Arafat. The message outlined measures followed by the zionist entity for the forcible expatriation of Arab peasants and people from their rightful land.

The convention of this conference coincided with the fourth anniversary of the Land Day in occupied Palestine; which is the day that witnessed a violent popular revolution mounted by peasants against the zionist entity's attempts and his repressive measures to gain control of the Arab land of Palestine and to expropriate the Palestinian peasants thereof. Also, the conference examined the Palestinian issue and the zionist acts of aggression against South Lebanon, the issue of struggle to liberate palestine has human dimensions and does not end at the borders of palestine or the Arab homeland but it goes beyond that to international horizons since the palestinian people and the Arab Nation, in their struggle against Zionism and American imperialism, are undertaking a human task that concerns all the people of the world because they are fighting against the enemies of the peoples of the world i.e. imperialism and zionism.

The conference considers that the solidarity and support lent in the international gatherings by the peace, freedom, and independence loving peoples of the world to the palestinian and Arab struggle for the purpose of consolidating the Palestinian issue and promoting the legitimate rights of the Arab People

of Palestine; and to offer them material and moral support is a profoundly human stand expressive of the solidarity of the whole world with the issue of justice and peace, as well as that of standing against aggression, injustice and aggression,

The conference agreed upon the following resolutions and recommendations :

At the level of Palestine :

- 1 - The right of the Arab people of Palestine to their homeland, Palestine, and their right to independence and sovereignty has always been existent long before the establishment of the Zionist entity and the foundation of the United Nations. So it is impermissible to impose any condition on the people of Palestine in return for practising **their legitimate** rights.
- 2 - The conference condemns the Zionist movement since it is one of the aspects of racism and racial discrimination, and it condemns the zionist racist occupation of the Arab land of Palestine. The conference calls for total withdrawal of the zionist entity from all the occupied Arab Land of Palestine.
- 3 - The conference considers the zionist racist entity as an advanced base of American imperialism in the Arab homeland.
- 4 - The conference condemns the measures taken by the zionist racist entity and its suppressive practices against the peasants and people of Palestine, as well as the acts of usurping lands, expropriation of properties, zionist acts of settlement, and usurpation of water resources.

Also, the conference supports the struggle of the peasants and people of Palestine to keep their lands and possessions, and it announces its solidarity with these struggles.

5. The conference announces its solidarity with the P.L.O., the legitimate and sole representative of the Arab People of Palestine, and the struggle the P.L.O. is mounting for the liberation of Palestine from the zionist racist occupation.
6. The conference calls upon all the forces of the world to support morally and materially the struggles of the peasants and people of Palestine, within the framework of the P.L.O. under the leadership of militant brother Yassir Arafat so that the People of Palestine may get their unalienable national rights, including their right to return to their homeland, to their self-determination, and the unconditional establishment of their independent state in their homeland, palestine.

Moreover, the conference the United Nations and the Arab League to give all forms of essential aid, to the Palestinian cause.

7. The conference calls for supporting the Arab Palestinian Agricultural Cooperatives in the occupied lands, as well as making world market accessible to the products of the peasants and people of Palestine to enable them to stand against the zionist acts of aggression on their land and properties and plundering of their products. The conference also calls for boycotting the products of zionist racist entity,

8. The conference calls for raising an Arab Fund with a view of lending assistance to the peasants and people of Palestine inside the occupied land which would help them to stand against the policies of suppression, oppression, land expropriation and property usurpation.
9. The conference calls for granting the Palestinian issue, the central cause of the Arab revolution its prominent importance in the conferences and at all Arab and international levels.
10. The conference condemns all political attempts at liquidating the Palestinian cause, and rejects all formulas and practices conducive to this end.
11. The conference hails the martyrs of the Land Day in occupied Palestine as well as all the martyrs of the Palestinian and Arab revolution.
12. The conference calls for conducting training courses and for offering medical treatments educational opportunities and to the Palestinian peasants and their sons as well.
13. The conference supports the resolutions taken by the first conference and emphasizes that 30th March the Land Day in the occupied Palestine shall be the World Peasants Day as representing peasants' struggle against aggressors and usurpers.

At the Arab Level :

1. The conference condemns the American Zionist aggression against the Arab homeland and the whole world. The conference also condemns Camp David accords, the Sadat Zionist American

tripartite alliance, the normalization of relations between the zionist entity, Sadat's regime and autonomy conspiracy. The conference supports the struggle of the Arab Nation to abort this conspiracy.

2. The conference hails the Egyptian progressive and national movement and supports the struggle it mounts to overthrow the puppet regime of Sadat drawing Egypt back into the Arab rank. **The conference also** hails the movement's adherence with the Palestinian revolution and people.
3. The conference condemns the repeated zionist-American aggressors against South Lebanon, and highly praises the steadfastness of the Lebanese peasants and people against the zionist acts of aggressors. The conference also hails the militant cohesion existing between the Palestinian revolution and the national, progressive, and the pan-Arab Lebanese movement.
4. The conference hails the freedom fighters of the palestinian revolution and the national, progressive and the pan-Arab movement in their joint struggle against the isolationist American aggression.
5. The conference calls for supporting the peasant and people of South Lebanon, and regards their cause and sufferings as indivisible from the cause and sufferings of the people and peasants of palestine.
6. The conference condemns the fascist practices of the isolationist agents of zionism. It supports the struggle of the Palestinian revolution and the national, progressive and then pan-Arab movement to preserve the Arabism of Lebanon and its territorial integrity.

7. The conference **hails** the principled pan-Arab stand followed by the forces of the Arab revolution, and its continued support for the palestinian revolution as it discharges into militant tasks. It calls that the Arab forces stick cooperatively together, uniting their ranks against the zionist-Imperialist danger that **threators** the Arab homeland.
8. The conference condemns the zionist deployment of military troops along the Syrian **front and South Lebanon**. It calls for reinforcing of military capabilities along the Northern and the Eastern fronts, placing material and military facilities at their disposal, and **enhancing** the militant cohesion between their parties that comprise the Palestinian revolution, the Lebanese National movement, Syrian, Iraq, and the Arab people of Jordan.
9. The conference calls for making all the Arab fronts accessible to the Palestinian revolution forces to enable them discharge their militant tasks.

At the International level :

1. The conference condemns world imperialist and colonialist policy led by U.S. imperialism, and regards it as an enemy to the peoples of the world. It condemns also the colonialist and imperialist existence in the Arab homeland especially the existence of U.S. imperialism, and calls **for** the withdrawal of the fleets and the removal of this imperialist military bases from all parts of Arab homeland, particularly from Arab Gulf Area.

2. The conference hails the great role played by the Islamic Countries, the non-aligned countries, and by the socialist states, foremost among them being the Soviet Union, in support of the Arab people of Palestine, the P.L.O., and the Arab Nation, for the realisation of their just and legitimate objectives.
3. The conference hails the struggle of all peoples of the world and of the national liberation movements against imperialism, zionism and racial discrimination.
4. The conference calls upon all the organizations of peasants, agricultural workers and cooperatives to establish their relations with the world organizations in the light of their attitude toward the Palestinian Cause.

General Resolutions:

1. To send a message of thanks to the militant leader President Saddam Hussein the Chairman of the Revolution Command Council.
2. To send a message of support and solidarity to the militant brother Yassir Arafat, the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Commander-in-Chief of the Palestinian Revolution Forces.
3. To send a message to Mr. Kurt Waldheim, the U.N. Secretary General about terrorism practised by the Zionist entity against the peasants and people of Palestine, and to inform him of the conference's resolutions and recommendations.
4. To set up a permanent committee to follow up the implementation of the resolutions and recommendations taken by this conference.

The Second International Conference in Solidarity with peasants and people of palestine heartly thanks Iraqi people and government for the efforts they made under the leadership of the militant leader Saddam Hussein to bring about the success of this international conference, and for the generous Arab hospitality extended.

The conference also thanks the General Union of Farmers' Cooperative Societies in Iraq and its Chairman, the militant brother Karim Al-Jassim for the warm welcome extended to the conference's members, and appreciate the great efforts exerted to bring about the success of the conference.

The conference thanks the Preparatory Committee and the International Federation of the Agricultural, Forestry and Horticulture Workers, and appreciates their efforts for the preparation of this conference.

The Second International
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