



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

OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY

WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

29 November 2023, 9 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

As customary, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977, the **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People** (Solidarity Day) will be marked by the **Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People** (CEIRPP) in a Special Meeting where UN Member States express their solidarity with the Palestinian people, through messages by Heads of States and Government. Similar events are held at UNOG, UNON, UNOV and UNICs around the world.

This year, the Special Meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, **29 November from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (New York time)** and will be **livestreamed on UN WebTV**.

The International Day of Solidarity provides an opportunity for the international community to focus its attention on the fact that the question of Palestine remains unresolved and that the Palestinian people are yet to attain their inalienable rights as defined by the General Assembly, namely, the right to self-determination, the right to national independence and sovereignty and the right to return.

The Special Meeting will be presided by the **Vice-Chair of the Committee and Permanent Representative of Malaysia, Ambassador Ahmad Faisal Muhammad**, who will deliver an opening statement, followed by remarks by the **President of the General Assembly (TBC)**, the **President of the Security Council (TBC)**, and by the **Deputy Secretary-General**. The **Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine** will deliver a statement on behalf of Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine.

The Representatives for the **African Union (TBC)**, the **Arab League (TBC)**, the **Organisation of Islamic Cooperation**, the Chair of the **Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (TBC)**, as well as representatives of other intergovernmental organizations will

deliver statements in the second part of the Meeting. Afterwards, **Mr. Peter Makari**, Executive for the Middle East and Europe with the Common Global Ministries Board of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will also share his remarks as a representative of Civil Society.

Following the special meeting, at **1 p.m.** attendees will be invited to go to the **UN Visitor's Lobby** for the **opening of an exhibit** titled "**Palestine: A Land with a People.**" The exhibit contains photographs, video and art depicting different episodes in the Palestinian journey before, during, and after the *Nakba*, a deeply traumatic event during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war when more than half of the Palestinian population were expelled from or fled their homes and became refugees.

The Special Meeting will be open to the media.

The Special Meeting will be conducted in the six official languages.

The meeting will be broadcast on [UN Web TV](#)

Updates, including on the programme of the event and press releases, will be posted online at <https://www.un.org/unispal/event/solidarity-day-2023/>

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