

The First European Conference On Israeli Settlements



October 20, 2017

Proposed Agenda

of the First European Conference On Israeli Settlements

*Residence Palace, Rue de La Loi, 155 1040, Brussels, Belgium
Monday 06 November 2017*

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30

- **Welcome Speech - Mr. Pierre Galand** (Belgium)
- **Presentation of a short documentary** on settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories.
- **Speech – Mr. Tayseer Khaled**, Member of The Executive Committee (PLO EC), Head of the Department for Expatriate Affairs and Head of the National Bureau for Defending Land and Resisting Settlements.

FIRST PANEL

9.30 – 10.30 **Facts on the ground – description of the current situation: Israeli policies in support of building illegal settlements.**

Speakers:

- Dr. Jaad Issac (ARIJ) (20 min) (Palestine)
- Present a Report from Yesh Din Organization (Israel) (10 min)
- Advo. Karem Nashwan / Israeli settlement in the Gaza Strip until 2005 (10 min)

Moderator : Dr. Abdelhamid Siyam (USA)

Open discussion (20 min)

SECOND PANEL

10.30 – 11.45 Parliamentarians experiences on action against settlements policy in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Speakers:

- Mr. Keith Taylor - European Parliament/ Delegation for relations with Palestine (UK)
- Mr. Youssif Handichi - Member of Brussels Parliament (Belgium)
- Mr. Andreas Michailidis - Member of The Hellenic Parliament (Greece)
- Mr. Michael Svensson - Member of Swedish parliament (Sweden)

Moderator: Mrs. Annette Groth (Germany)

Open discussion (20 min)

11.45 – 12.00 Break

THIRD PANEL

12.00 – 13.30 Civil society campaigns and experiences regarding actions against settlements policy in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Speakers :

- Mr. Mick Neipier - Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign (Scotland)
- Mr. Victor Samaaneh - The Sweden Jerusalem Committee (Sweden)
- Mr. Nikolas Papadimitriou - President of (WFDY) (Cyprus)
- Mr. Iraklis Tsavadaridis - The World Peace Council (WPC)
- Ms. Marina NICOLAOU / Akel Party
- Ms. Olimpia Olari \ Journalist (Romania)

Moderator: Mr. Ben Jamal - Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) UK

Open discussion (20 min)

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch Break

FOURTH PANEL

14.30 – 16.00 BDS – Attempt to muzzle activists. Criminalisation of BDS, IHRA, EP resolution and trials against activists in France

Speakers:

- Ms Julie Steendam - Financing the Israeli Occupation (Ex. Dexia Bank) - Belgium
- (“Made in Illegality”)
- M. Jacques Fröchen “Dangerous liaisons of French banks with the Israeli colonization” - France

Moderator: Mr. George Rashmawi – Germany

Open discussion (20 min)

FIFTH PANEL

16:00 – 17:00 Legal aspects: the obligations of the EU and its member states

Speakers:

- Mr. Jan Fermont \ Chairman of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL)
- Mr. Pierre Stambul - Criminalisation of BDS – France
- Advo. Mohammed Ellouze \ Israel's impunity for 50 years - Belgium

Moderator: Mr. Fadi Ben Addi - Belgium

Open discussion (20 min)

17.00 - 17.15 Break

17.15 – 18.00 : Working Papers On Settlements

- (10 min) "Turning declarative policy into operative policy: “How Europe can contribute to a just solution” - Ms Sara Al- Husaini, PLO
- (10 min) "Ecological Degradation of the Land in Palestine as a consequence of the Israeli settlement activity" Prof. Mumen Abuarkub - Faculty of Architecture, Zagreb, Croatia
- (10 min) "Settler colonialism and Zionism" Dr. Issam Hijjawi - Scotland

Moderator : Ms. Cristina fabiana ezcurra (Spain)

Open discussion (15 min)

18.00 - 19.00 : Final session

Concluding Session

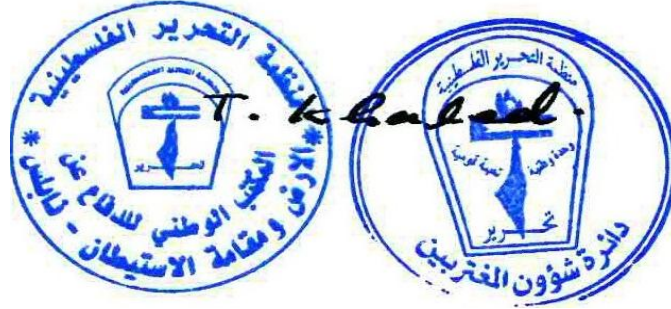
- Recommendation of an action plan against the settlement policy
- Appeal from the Conference to the European Parliament
- Building a European Commission Committee against Settlements
- Agree on the next conference on settlements in Geneva
- Concluding Communiqué

Moderator: Mr. Raif Hussein

The conference language is English, but simultaneous interpretation will be provided also from and into French and Arabic.

We look forward to meeting you in Brussels. Thank you for your solidarity

Kind regards,



The Organizers and Partners

National Bureau for Defending Land and Resisting Settlements
Department for Palestinian Expatriate affairs
Sweden Jerusalem Committee
International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL)
World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY)
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Palestine Office Public Group (ASECOP)
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