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**1<sup>st</sup> Standing Committee**  
**on Political and Security-Related Cooperation**

*Ad Hoc* Committee on the Middle East

**Chairman: Hon. George Vella (Malta)**

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- **Having regard** to the concluding remarks of the organizers of the “Joint PAM/UN international meeting in support of Israeli-Palestinian peace, the Urgency in addressing the 5 permanent status issues Borders, Jerusalem, Settlements, Refugees, Water” held in Qawra, Malta on 12-13 February 2010;
- **Welcoming** the re-launching of indirect talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians in May 2010;
- **Stressing** that all parties have to pursue the discussions in good faith and with the ultimate objective to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict, and at the same time, to reach agreement on a permanent solution for Israel and the Palestine as soon as possible;
- **Seriously concerned** with the lack of progress on inter-Palestinian dialogue; urging the Hamas not to jeopardize the re-launched talks;
- **Calling for** an end to illegal settlement activities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem ;
- **Condemning** all sorts of violence against Israeli and Palestinian civilian population at all times;
- **Recalling** its statement of 31<sup>st</sup> May condemning the disproportionate use of force by Israeli Defense Forces against a naval convoy carrying humanitarian goods on its way to Gaza, in international waters, which led to the loss of lives and for the wounded;
- **Firmly condemning** the blockade of the Gaza strip; **Stressing** that the blockade is unsustainable; **Condemning** the impact of the blockade of the Palestinian population which can lead to growing frustration and a surge of radicalization;
- **Deploing** also the political, economic and social impact of the erection of the Wall of Separation, thus restricting the freedom of movement for the civilians living in Occupied Palestinian Territories and the subsequent establishment of a Palestinian State, and recalls in that respect UNGA Resolution ES-10/13 of 21

October 2003 and in the advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice of 9 July 2004,

- **Condemning** the damages caused to the UNRWA Summer Camp in Gaza at the end of May 2010;
- **Seriously concerned** with the current policy of the Jerusalem City Council regarding Muslim and Christian holy sites and holders of Jerusalem ID cards of Palestinian origin; **Recalling** in that regard, UN resolution 194 of 11 December 1948 which request free access to all the holy places in Israel and the remainder of the territory of the former Palestine Mandate of Great Britain;

*Agrees to:*

- (a) Support the holding of indirect peace talks between the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority; Support Sen. Mitchell, US Special Envoy for the Middle East, in his endeavour to finding a permanent solution;
- (b) Strive to find ways and means of supporting inter-Palestinian dialogue;
- (c) Continue to work, with the Quartet and the international community at large, to overcoming differences over the 5 permanent issues;
- (d) Work, in complementarity with all major actors involved, towards the lifting of the Gaza Blockade (areal, maritime and terrestrial) and the dismantling of the Wall of Separation ;
- (e) Call for a credible and transparent international enquiry to assess the succession of events that led to the death of 9 peace activities on board a Flotilla belonging to the Free Gaza movement on 31 may 2010;
- (f) Continue with its commitment to strive towards an early equitable solution to the Israeli Palestinian issue based on the principle of the Two State Solution on the basis of pre-4 July 1967 borders, with Israel and Palestine as two sovereign states living at peace with each other and with neighbouring countries in secure and agreed borders,
- (g) Reach out to all actors engaged in the search for peace in the region (legislative and executive bodies, civil society, regional and international organisations) to bring added value to, and complement other international initiatives, at civil, parliamentary, and political level,

- (h) Remain seized of the matter and requests the PAM *ad Hoc* Committee on the Middle East to keep the Bureau and the Assembly abreast of all relevant developments on the issue.