



## CHAIR OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



### **COMMUNIQUE OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ON ILLEGAL ISRAELI ANNEXATION PLANS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY**

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in New York considered the critical developments and deteriorating situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, due to the ongoing illegal policies and practices by Israel, the occupying Power, even in this time of the COVID-19 crisis, including escalating colonization and annexation measures in the Palestinian land, which threaten to destroy the two-State solution on the pre-1967 borders and are the cause of grave human rights violations and immense humanitarian suffering among the Palestinian people, including further forced displacement from their homes and lands.
2. NAM condemns the plans announced by Israel, the occupying Power, to annex large parts of the occupied West Bank, including the Jordan Valley and the land on which it has established its settlements and the wall, in grave breach of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, the Fourth Geneva Convention and numerous relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions.
3. NAM cautions that, if not averted, such plans will have far-reaching and devastating repercussions on the prospects for realizing the rights of the Palestinian people, including to self-determination and independence; the two-State solution on the pre-1967 borders; and just and lasting peace and security in accordance with the internationally-endorsed terms of reference and parameters for a peaceful solution based on the relevant UN resolutions, the Madrid principles, including the principle of land for peace, and the Arab Peace Initiative.
4. NAM affirms the inviolability of the prohibition on the acquisition of territory by force, and demand an immediate and complete cessation of all illegal policies and measures, aimed at altering the demography, character, identity and legal status of the occupied territory. NAM calls for full compliance by Israel with its obligations as the occupying Power under the Fourth Geneva Convention and in accordance with 2004 Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice and the relevant UN resolutions, including resolution 2334 (2016), which reaffirmed, *inter alia*, the illegality of its settlement activities and demanded an immediate and complete halt to such flagrant violations and underscored that the Security Council “*will not recognize any changes to the 4 June 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties through negotiations*”.



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5. NAM also stresses the Security Council's call *"upon all States to distinguish in their relevant dealings between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967"*. In this regard, NAM underlines the General Assembly's call, in resolution 74/88 (2019), *"upon all States, consistent with their obligations under international law and the relevant resolutions, not to recognize, and not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by measures that are illegal under international law, including those aimed at advancing annexation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967"*.
6. NAM calls on the international community to enact serious measures of accountability in light of Israel's continued non-compliance. This should include the halting of business with the illegal Israeli settlements and the banning of entry to markets of settlement products, among other measures of accountability, in line with international norms and rules, including relevant UN resolutions and the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.
7. NAM reiterates its call on the Security Council to uphold its duties, implement its resolutions vis-à-vis the Question of Palestine, and act urgently to address Israel's annexation plans, which threaten regional and international peace and security. NAM stresses that respect for the Charter, international humanitarian law and human rights law, and UN resolutions is the cornerstone for a just and peaceful solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and for regional and global peace and security.
8. NAM reiterates its call for an end to the illegal Israeli occupation and for the realization of justice and the inalienable rights and legitimate national aspirations of the Palestinian people, including to self-determination and freedom in their sovereign and independent State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital. The Movement continues to appeal for and to support all credible efforts to achieve a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the Question of Palestine in all its aspects, including for the Palestine refugees, in line with international law, the UN Charter and relevant UN resolutions. This will open a new chapter for regional and global peace and stability, goals strongly supported by our Movement.

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