



**JOINT DECLARATION**

**THE GROUP OF PARLIAMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINE**

***ISTANBUL, 18 APRIL 2025***

We, Speakers/Presidents of the National Parliaments of Bahrain, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Senegal, Türkiye and the United Arab Emirates, as well as Deputy Speakers/Deputy Presidents of National Parliaments of Algeria, Azerbaijan and Egypt, joined by members of our respective Parliaments, met today in Istanbul to express our views on the political, security and humanitarian situation in Palestine and to reiterate our strong commitment to the implementation of the two-State solution as the only way to establish lasting peace, stability and security in the Middle East;

Convinced that inter-parliamentary relations, thanks to the unique nature of dialogue channels they provide, can play an important role in advancing dialogue, diplomacy, and breaking the cycle of violence;

Emphasising the importance of accountability for grave violations and crimes committed against civilians through international and national justice mechanisms;

Firmly acknowledging our full support to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination, the independence, freedom and sovereignty of the State of Palestine on the lines of 4 June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital;

Paying tribute and appreciation to the Palestinian people for their resilience and for holding on to their land;

Having discussed the unique role of parliaments and the role of parliamentary diplomacy in addressing political, security and humanitarian situation in Palestine, declare the following:

1. We decided to establish the Group of Parliaments in Support of Palestine with a view to exert political leverage through appropriate channels to defend, protect and ensure inherent rights of Palestinians.



2. We call for credible, sustainable and irreversible implementation of the two-State solution, which will allow two independent and sovereign States to live side by side in peace and security, integrated in the region, and for the right of return of Palestinian refugees in accordance with international law, relevant United Nations (UN) General Assembly and Security Council resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative, to achieve a just and lasting peace that fulfils the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. We consider the two-State solution as the only viable option to ensure the security of all nations and countries of the region. In this regard, we express our support to inter-governmental and inter-parliamentary initiatives and declarations, including the Manama Declaration of 16 May 2024 aimed at promoting the two-State solution. We, as the Group of Parliaments in Support of Palestine, are determined collectively to integrate this critical issue into the work of regional and international parliamentary assemblies. We also appreciate efforts undertaken by our Governments at the UN and other international fora, to promote the Palestinian cause, including Algeria's endeavour as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.
3. We strongly demand the Parliament of Israel to respect the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, as well as to repeal all laws and legislative initiatives inconsistent with international legal obligations and abandon all legislative work inconsistent with international law, international human rights law and international humanitarian law.
4. We reaffirm our support to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) as a stabilizing factor in the region, reject attempts to diminish or abolish its role, which represents a top political and humanitarian priority, and call on all States to provide increased political, legal, and financial support to UNRWA.
5. We demand Israel, the occupying power, to end its occupation and all attacks in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip; therefore, to stop all policies and measures of annexation, illegal settlements, house demolitions, land confiscations, and attempts to impose so-called Israeli sovereignty on any parts of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.



6. We strongly reject any plan aimed at changing the demographic composition, character and status of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, displacing the Palestinian people individually or collectively, inside or outside their land, or all kinds of displacement, exile or deportation in any form, under any circumstances or justifications. We consider such attempts as a grave violation of international law.
7. We strongly condemn Israeli military aggression against civilian population and blockade of humanitarian assistance to the Gaza Strip, and urge Israel to end its military operations, withdraw its forces and ensure unhindered humanitarian aid to all parts of the Gaza Strip. We affirm the urgent necessity for an immediate and permanent ceasefire and resumption of negotiations for the implementation of all the stages of the ceasefire agreement in the Gaza Strip, declared on 15 January 2025, under the joint mediation of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the State of Qatar and the USA.
8. We call upon the UN, in particular the UN Security Council, to assume its responsibilities in maintaining peace and security in the region, by fully, effectively and immediately implementing all relevant UN resolutions and to take additional necessary measures, including imposing sanctions against Israeli illegal activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory such as annexation, settlement activities, demolition of Palestinian houses, land confiscations and violence against civilians.
9. We welcome the Plan on the early recovery and reconstruction of the Gaza Strip, presented by the Arab Republic of Egypt, adopted by the League of Arab States and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. We urge international community to support and adopt without delay the Plan and contribute to its implementation in order to oppose all displacement and annexation plans.
10. We appreciate our Governments' efforts on humanitarian aid towards Gaza such as relief fund established by Pakistan for the Gaza Strip and Lebanon. We join our voices to the calls for the establishment of an international fund, in cooperation with the UN, to support the orphans of the Gaza Strip and for providing medical assistance and artificial limbs to injured individuals who have lost their limbs, particularly widows and orphans.



11. We call on international community to provide urgent international protection for the Palestinian people, and devise an international mechanism to protect human rights in the Palestinian Territories.
12. We emphasize multireligious character of Jerusalem and the legal and historical status quo at Muslim and Christian holy sites of the city be upheld and, in that regard, reaffirm our support to the role of the Hashemite Custodianship. We urge international community to redouble its efforts for the protection of all cultural, historical and religious sites in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
13. We call for support to the right of the State of Palestine to obtain full membership in the UN and its organs, and commend the positions of the States that have recognized the State of Palestine, and we call upon all States that have not recognized the State of Palestine to do so. In that regard, we welcome the Resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in May 2024, submitted on behalf of the Arab Group by the United Arab Emirates, recommending full membership for the State of Palestine.
14. We welcome the Resolution titled “The role of parliaments in advancing a two-State solution” adopted at the 150th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 5th to 9th of April 2025.
15. We request parliaments around the world to encourage their own governments to take concrete steps towards justice for the Palestinian people.
16. We invite parliaments as well as international and regional parliamentary assemblies that support the two-State solution to join our Group, which shall convene as appropriate in a hosting country or in the margins of international conferences.
17. We express our gratitude and congratulations to the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye for hosting the meeting of the Group of Parliaments in Support of Palestine.