

Cairo, 14 November 2010

His Excellency Mr. Abdou Salam Diallo, Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Sir,

I have the pleasure, on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, to write to you to reaffirm the full support of Egypt and the Non-Aligned Movement for the Palestinian people in their legitimate quest for attaining and exercising of all their inalienable rights, first and foremost the inherent right to establish a future sovereign Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as its capital, on the basis of all the relevant terms of reference and in accordance with the rules and provisions of international law, international humanitarian law, the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, the principles of the Madrid Conference and the Arab peace initiative.

Despite the fact that 63 years have elapsed since the partition resolution, the suffering of the Palestinian people still goes on, requiring that your distinguished Committee continue the effort to put an end to that suffering by ending the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory and calling a halt to Israeli practices and violations of the rights of the Palestinian people. Those practices and violations include the unlawful and oppressive Israeli embargo of the Gaza Strip, which has resulted in an unprecedented deterioration of Palestinian living conditions; Israel's failure to meet its commitments as occupying power; its continued policy of settlement and alteration of the situation on the ground; the expropriation of Palestinian land and property; the attempt to change the features Al-Quds al-Sharif; assaults on the sanctity of the holy places and those who frequent them, in particular the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque; the continued building of the separation wall; and other practices that are against the rules of international law and international humanitarian law and constitute flagrant violations of human rights, one such violation being the recent decision concerning an oath of allegiance to the Jewish character of the State, which is a clear violation of the rights of Palestinian Israeli Arabs and an obvious attempt to expel them from Israeli territory.

Egypt thinks very highly of the efforts of your Committee towards bringing about a Palestinian State and its support for the Palestinian people's recovery of their inalienable legitimate rights with a view to a just settlement of the Palestinian question as an inseparable part of an overall solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and as one of the requisites for stability in the Middle East region. It is our view that the defining features of the definitive solution are known to all, including the parties to the conflict themselves. What is needed now is a genuine will to peace on the part of Israel, inasmuch as everyone has understood the earnestness of the Palestinian Authority and its commitment to the peace process, while Israel's actions bespeak its insistence on tergiversation and on emptying the political

process of its content. This requires action from the part of the international community, which must take on its responsibilities, and pooling of the efforts of all parties in the international arena to ensure the resumption of the negotiation process based on clear terms of reference, within a definite time frame and on the necessary sound bases, the first of which is the total and unconditional cessation of settlement activity and of all Israeli policies that thwart the achievement of the desired peace.

At the same time that I express to you my praise for the Committee's efforts during the past year and reiterate Egypt's firm commitment to continued efforts towards the achievement of Palestinian national reconciliation and a just and comprehensive peace, let me reaffirm our full backing for the Committee's activities aimed at mobilizing the requisite international support for the Palestinian people's recovery and exercise of their inalienable rights and the establishment of the future Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration together with my best wishes to you and the members of your Committee for continued success.

(Signed) **Mohamed Hosni Mubarak**
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt