



CHAIR OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



COMMUNIQUE OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) ON VIOLATIONS AND PROVOCATIONS REGARDING THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) expresses its grave concerns regarding ongoing violations being perpetrated by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including attempts aimed at altering the character, status and demographic composition of the City of Jerusalem. In this regard, it deplors all breaches of international law and provocations in the City, perpetrated by whomever and whenever, stressing that such actions have no legal validity and are null and void, as determined by the Security Council of the United Nations. It further reaffirms all Security Council and General Assembly resolutions relating to Jerusalem and confirming that it is an integral part of the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
2. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) expresses its grave concerns about declared intentions and plans by the United States of America to transfer its Embassy in Israel to the City of Jerusalem and any other related actions that will further consolidate Israel's control and unlawful *de facto* annexation of the City. It strongly cautions that such provocative actions, in disrespect of Security Council resolutions, will further heighten tensions, with potentially far-reaching repercussions.
3. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) calls for a halt to all violations and provocations in this regard, and recalls the Charter of the United Nations, including the prohibition on the acquisition of territory by force, all relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, and all other applicable provisions of international law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention. In specific, it recalls Security Council resolutions 476 (1980) and 478 (1980), by which the Council, *inter alia*, reconfirmed “*that all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, which purport to alter the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem have no legal validity*” and must be rescinded forthwith; affirmed “*that the enactment of the “basic law” by Israel constitutes a violation of international law*”; decided “*not to recognize the “basic law and such other actions by Israel that, as a result of this law, seek to alter the character and status of Jerusalem*”; and called upon all Member States to accept this decision and called upon “*those States that have established diplomatic missions at Jerusalem to withdraw such missions from the Holy City*”. In this regard, it calls for the full respect of the relevant Security Council resolutions and decisions.



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4. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) cautions that, against the backdrop of an extremely volatile situation and diminishing prospects for the achievement of a just peace, provocative, unlawful and unilateral actions in Jerusalem, and the pervasive threat of such actions, apart from jeopardizing the possibility of achieving the two-State solution on the pre-1967 borders, could seriously destabilize the fragile situation on the ground with dangerous impact. In this regard, it recalls Security Council resolution 2334 (2016), in which, *inter alia*, the Council underlined that it “*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*”, and called on all parties “*to refrain from provocative actions, incitement and inflammatory rhetoric, with the aim, inter alia, of de-escalating the situation on the ground, rebuilding trust and confidence, demonstrating through policies and actions a genuine commitment to the two-State solution, and creating the conditions necessary for promoting peace*”.
5. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms its commitment to contributing towards realization of a just, lasting and peaceful solution of the question of Palestine in all its aspects in accordance with international law. In this regard, it stresses the urgency of collective efforts to promote peace and security through the achievement, without further delay, of an end to the Israeli occupation that began in 1967, and calls for the intensification of all international and regional efforts towards this end, including those related to the preservation of the two-State solution, based on the pre-1967 borders, in respect of the longstanding terms of reference of a peace settlement endorsed by the international community, in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions, the Madrid principles, including the principle of land for peace, and the Arab Peace Initiative.
6. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms its long-standing support and solidarity with the just cause of Palestine and strong commitment to continue supporting the heroic Palestinian people in their quest to achieve their inalienable rights and legitimate national aspirations, including their right to self-determination, freedom and independence in their independent State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, which is vital for the establishment of a just, comprehensive and sustainable peace.

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