



AL - HAQ

## **Diplomatic Briefing Recommendations**

1 July 2020

Al-Haq Calls on the International Community, and for states individually and collectively, to:

- Continue to not recognize Israel's unilateral sovereignty over Jerusalem, in line with international law and UN resolutions;
- Continue to publicly denounce the U.S. Embassy move to Jerusalem, including by refraining from establishing embassies in the city, and abstaining from meetings or events at the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem;
- Ensure the implementation of international law and the protection of the Palestinian people, including through the implementation of economic sanctions and other measures, until Israel adheres to its obligations as a member of the UN and occupying power;
- Fully cooperate with and publicly support the International Criminal Court;

In particular, following advance to the opening of an investigation, publicly release statement highlighting support for the independence of the Court, the integrity of the proceedings in the Situation in Palestine, and ensuring the protection of victim's representation and NGOs working on the case.

Providing financial assistance to the Court to ensure its continued viability.

- Take concrete and immediate measures to end Israel's prolonged occupation of the occupied Palestinian territory, and ensure effective remedy and redress for all Palestinians.
- That those states yet to do so, to immediately recognise the State of Palestine, to advocate for its full membership of the UN, and to reaffirm the Palestinian right to self-determination and to affirm the national unity and territorial integrity of Palestine;
- Clearly reject the US 'Peace Plan', and any other proposals for negotiations which seek to deny Palestinian rights, or which condition Palestinian exercise of rights on submission to an externally imposed 'political settlement';

- To take timely and decisive action, in accordance with the United Nations Charter and in cooperation with relevant regional organizations, in response to Israel’s ongoing violation of Palestinian human rights and failure to abide by basic legal obligations;
- To unilaterally or collectively implement comprehensive trade sanctions against Israel, to ensure Israel’s compliance with international law and prevent further erasure of Palestinian presence from the occupied territory. Particular emphasis should be given to the need to end the sale or supply of military products to Israel;
- To implement laws banning the import of goods produced in illegal settlements located in any occupied territory, having particular reference to the UN’s 2020 report on business enterprises involved in certain activities relating to settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory;
- Support the Continued Annual Update and Financing of the UN Database:
  - States in which listed companies are based should take adequate steps to prevent abuses committed by the corporations domiciled within their jurisdiction and to use their legal avenues to meet their obligations to stop any trade or business with the illegal settlements.
  - States must critically support the annual update of the database, in line with the High Commissioner’s mandate, to ensure that the database is maintained as a living instrument that would serve to ensure transparency and corporate responsibility, and contribute towards ending business activities complicit in Israel’s illegal settlement enterprise.
  - The annual update of the database will serve as a precedent and positive incentive for corporations ready to conduct human rights-based due diligence and risk analysis in contexts of occupation and ongoing annexation;
- To provide the urgent and necessary support, financial, political, and humanitarian to UNRWA; until Palestinian refugees are enabled to exercise their right to return.
- To convene a conference as High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention to study measures to enforce the Convention in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem. Such conference must focus on delivering a plan for the dismantling of the settlement enterprise and affirm the unlawful nature of the prolonged occupation.
- Al-Haq further calls on UN Member States to address the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory at the General Assembly under the Uniting for Peace resolution 377 procedure. If the UN Security Council fails to exercise its primary responsibility to act as required to maintain international peace and security it is incumbent on the General Assembly to act in the face of ongoing annexation and implement measures to end Israel’s military occupation and enable Palestinians to exercise their right to self-determination”

Failure by the international community to intervene with the necessary and comprehensive response represents a failure to respect the object and purpose of the Charter of the United Nations and imperative “to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace.”