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The first APA meeting of the Palestine Committee

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Palestine Committee concept note

Considering the recent Executive Council meeting in Antalya, Türkiye, and the decision made regarding the formation of the Palestine Committee, we would like to inform the esteemed members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly that the inaugural meeting of this committee will take place on January 10, 2024, with the presence of the representatives of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly.

As you are aware, the tragic and distressing situation of women, children, the elderly, and the sick in Gaza persists, alongside the ongoing brutal acts committed by the Zionist regime. The current state in Gaza is a consequence of injustices, violations of laws, widespread transgressions, and the disregard for international humanitarian and human rights regulations. The oppressed people of Gaza, particularly women and children, have been deprived of their fundamental rights, despite numerous resolutions from the United Nations and other international forums emphasizing their inalienable rights. The usurping Zionist regime has committed countless crimes in the occupied territories, continuously evading legal consequences and perpetuating its criminal actions without being held accountable by any international court. Consequently, the situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate.

In light of these circumstances, the Islamic Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as the vice- chair of the Palestine Committee, has decided to host the first meeting of this committee. The objective is to address this inhumane situation, provide a platform for serious consideration of the critical conditions faced by the defenseless people in Gaza, and ensure coordination with the Vice-President of the Palestinian National Assembly, who serves as the committee's chair. The first meeting of the Palestine Committee is scheduled to take place on January 10, 2024, in Tehran.

Meeting Objectives:

The meeting aims to address the Palestinian issue, with a specific focus on the Gaza crisis, within the following framework:

1. Coordinated efforts by Asian countries toward achieving a lasting ceasefire and an immediate cessation of war crimes, including the mass killing of civilians, particularly women and children, by the Zionist regime in the Gaza Strip.
2. Action by Asian countries to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid to the people under the Gaza siege, specifically medical and health assistance, food, drinking water, and fuel.
3. Drawing international attention to the issue of the return of refugees to their ancestral lands.
4. International efforts to establish an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.
5. Sending a delegation from member states of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly to Gaza to investigate the humanitarian situation, war crimes, and genocide committed by the Zionist regime, and filing legal complaints against the perpetrators of this genocide in international judicial and criminal courts.
6. Establishing a fund supported by Asian countries for the reconstruction of the infrastructure destroyed during the bombings by the Zionist regime and inviting other nations to contribute to this fund.