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## **Resolution on Supporting the Rights of Palestinian People**

*We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,*

**Recalling** APA Resolutions on Violations of International Humanitarian Law in the Palestine and the War Crimes Committed By the Zionist Regime in Gaza (APA/Res/Political/2009/01, 8 December 2009); and Humanitarian Crisis in Palestine in Particular in the Gaza Strip (APA/Res/2008/08, 29 November 2008);

**Inspired** by the Principles and objectives enshrined in the APA Charter and the relevant APA resolutions;

**Guided** by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the APA;

**Affirming** the responsibility of the International community to promote human rights and ensure respect for International Law;

**Reaffirming** the applicability of the fourth Geneva Convention relative to the protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Al-Guds Al-Sharif;

**Expressing** serious concern at the lack of implementation by the occupying power, Israel, of all resolutions and recommendations of the UN Security Council, the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and the Inter-Parliamentary Union in relations to the human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Al-Guds Al-Sharif;

**Recognizing** that the Israeli military attacks and operations in the occupied Palestinian territory, particularly the recent ones in the occupied Gaza strip, have caused severe violations of international humanitarian law and of the human rights of the Palestinian people therein and undermine international efforts towards achieving a just and lasting peace in the region;

**Recognizing** also that the Israeli siege imposed on the Occupied Gaza strip, including the closure of border crossing, constitute collective punishment and leads to disastrous humanitarian, economic, social and environmental consequences.

**Committed** to contribute to the promotion of peace and security at regional and global levels on the basis of justice and the rule of law;

**Recalling Attention** to the Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict (A/HRC/12/48, 15 September 2009) and the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on the Report of the Human Rights Council (A/64/53/add.1, 16 October 2009);

1. **Denounce** all violations of international law which threaten international peace and security including all acts of terrorism and organized crimes; and violations of human rights committed by the Israeli occupying forces.
2. **Condemn** deliberate violations of international humanitarian law by the Israeli occupying forces in Palestine, as partly reported in the Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict amounting to grave breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention.
3. **Demand** that the Zionist regime, the occupying power, stop targeting the Palestinian civilians and the systematic destruction of the cultural heritage of the Palestinian people, in addition to the destruction of public and private properties, as laid down in the Fourth Geneva Convention;
4. **Underscore** the grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions and acts raising individual criminal responsibility under international criminal law and remind the duty imposed by the Geneva Conventions on all High Contracting Parties to search for and bring before their courts those responsible for these violations.
5. **Encourage** all members of the international community to put pressure on the Zionist occupying regime to immediately release all the Palestinian prisoners including the Members of the Palestinian Parliament; dismantle all the settlements as well as the entire separating wall and put an end to its policies of assassinating Palestinian leaders, mass deportation of the Palestinian people and confiscating Palestinian lands.
6. **Call Upon** all members of the APA and the United Nations as well as all regional and international organizations concerned, particularly the United Nations Security Council and the International Criminal Court to address, under the UN Charter and the Rome Statute, the crimes against humanity and the war crimes committed in Gaza Strip which threaten the international peace and security.

7. **Condemn** the recent violations of human rights of occupying power in the occupied Palestinian territories, including their recent announcement to add Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi in Al-Khalil and Bilal Mosque in Beit-Allahm in addition to the walls of the old city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to their list of heritage sites,
8. **Demand** the occupying power to respect the religious and cultural rights in the occupied Palestinian territories, particularly in Occupied Al-Quds Al-Sharif, as provided for in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the core international human rights instruments, the Hague Conventions, and the Geneva Conventions, and to allow Palestinian citizens and worshippers unhindered access to their properties and religious sites therein;
9. **Express** its grave concern at the excavation of ancient tombs and removal of hundreds of human remains from part of the historic Ma'man Allah (Mamila) Cemetery in the Holy City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif in order to construct a "Museum of Tolerance" and call for discontinuation of such illegal activities therein;
10. **Urge** the international community to put pressure on the occupying power for the immediate lifting of the siege imposed on the occupied Gaza Strip, and to open all borders and crossing points, and to allow the free access of fuel, humanitarian needs and medicine in addition to all necessary materials and equipments needed for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Gaza.