

Tokyo Declaration

We, Palestinian youth leaders from various political parties and civil society, have gathered in the shadow of the ongoing aggression against the occupied Palestinian territories, foremost among them the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including Jerusalem.

We address this statement to all countries, international institutions, regional and international organizations, human rights councils, and the conscience of the free world, calling for urgent intervention regarding the crimes committed against our people:

1.

We demand immediate and effective international action to halt the genocide being committed against civilians in the Gaza Strip, which has resulted in tens of thousands of martyrs, injured, and missing persons—most of them children and women.

We call upon the United Nations, the International Court of Justice, and the International Criminal Court to assume their legal and moral responsibilities, launch urgent investigations, and under the rule of law, hold the perpetrators of these crimes fully accountable.

2.

We are a people under occupation, struggling for our freedom and independence, exercising our legitimate right to resist occupation by all means guaranteed by international laws.

3.

We hold the Israeli occupation authorities responsible for the dangerous escalation in all Palestinian territories, including field executions, home demolitions, and ethnic cleansing. These actions must be investigated and addressed under the rule of law, ensuring accountability in accordance with international legal standards.

We resist and reject all attempts to forcibly displace our people from their homeland of Palestine, particularly from the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and Jerusalem.

We reaffirm the illegality of settlements and settlement expansion, as stipulated in United Nations Security Council and General Assembly resolutions and the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice.

We call on the international community, in line with their obligations under international humanitarian law, especially the Fourth Geneva Convention, to take urgent measures to provide effective protection for civilians under occupation.

4.

We affirm that the Palestinian people, like all other peoples in the world, have the inalienable right to self-determination and to live freely and with dignity in an independent, sovereign state.

We call on states that have not yet recognized the State of Palestine to do so immediately and to join international efforts aimed at ending the occupation and rejecting policies of racial discrimination.

5.

We call upon the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, to work toward expanding its representation to include all factions and components of the Palestinian people, and to develop and distribute responsibilities on democratic foundations to ensure unity of the Palestinian decision.

We also call on the international community to support internal Palestinian reconciliation and unity efforts, as they are a cornerstone in confronting the occupation project.

6.

We reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the role of youth and women in various fields of national and social work, enabling them to play active leadership roles by integrating them into decision-making positions and providing a supportive environment for their meaningful participation in shaping public policies and building the future.

We also emphasize the importance of involving activists and civil society institutions in the process of national development and decision-making, in a way that enhances participatory approaches and solidifies the principles of democracy and social justice.

7.

We affirm the national and central role played by Palestinians in the diaspora, and the need for their active participation in shaping Palestinian national decision-making and in legitimate representative institutions, reflecting their unity and history of struggle.

We also stress the importance of supporting the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), ensuring its funding and continuation of its mandate, enabling it to continue providing vital services to Palestinian refugees and safeguarding their right to a dignified life until their right of return to their homes is fulfilled in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194.

8.

We call for the formation of a national unity government composed of independent national figures, in accordance with the Palestinian Basic Law, to manage all institutions of the State of Palestine, oversee reconstruction, unify institutions, prepare for general elections, and meet the needs of our people wherever they are.

We reiterate the urgent need to hold comprehensive elections for all Palestinian national institutions, including the Palestinian Authority, the PLO, municipalities, student councils, and unions.

We also express our concern over attempts to obstruct these elections and stress the importance of taking concrete measures to prevent any actions by the Israeli occupation that could hinder their implementation.

9.

We affirm that occupied Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the State of Palestine, and that Al-Aqsa Mosque and all Islamic and Christian holy sites therein are an inseparable part of our national and religious identity, and are subject only to Palestinian sovereignty.

We strongly condemn the repeated incursions into Al-Aqsa Mosque, policies of Judaization, and attempts to alter the city's geographic and demographic character. We call on the international community and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to assume their responsibilities in protecting the religious and cultural heritage in Jerusalem and to stop all Israeli violations against the holy sites.

10.

We express our deep gratitude to the Japanese NGO Accept International for its constructive role in organizing this meeting and facilitating an atmosphere of understanding and communication, in a way that strengthens human values and international justice.

We also extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to people of Japan for generously hosting this meeting and embracing efforts for dialogue and understanding between peoples.

We greatly value the genuine sympathy and principled positions shown by the Japanese people toward the suffering of our Palestinian people, stemming from a shared historical experience in confronting injustice and aggression.

We pledge to exert the utmost efforts to achieve unity and sincerely strive for a unified and just future for our people wherever they are, and to work toward benefiting from Japan's expertise in areas such as post-war reconstruction, peacebuilding, education, technology, the economy, energy, and Gaza's recovery.

Conclusion

The Palestinian people will not relinquish their legitimate rights and will steadfastly continue their just struggle for freedom, independence, and dignity, under the rule of law and with the support and solidarity of the international community. Their will shall not be broken despite pain and suffering.

We will make every possible effort to end the tragedy in Gaza and will work to raise political awareness among all youth leaders, striving to bring about real change in accordance with the attached Action Plan for the upcoming stage.

We call upon all the free peoples of the world and international institutions to rise to their responsibilities and not remain silent in the face of one of the most horrific humanitarian disasters of the modern era.

Justice is indivisible, and freedom is the right of all peoples.

Together, toward ending the occupation and building an independent Palestinian state that shares the world's values of peace and justice.

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