

SOLIDAR CALLS FOR EFFECTIVE MEASURES BY ALL STATES TO STOP ISRAEL'S ILLEGAL ANNEXATION OF THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND TO RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF PALESTINE

- Faced with the release of the agreement on 20 April by the Israeli coalition government, calling for a legislative process to extend Israeli sovereignty, law and administration over parts of the West Bank from 1 July 2020, and the US political framework released in January supporting Israeli acquisition of at least 30 percent of the West Bank,
- Considering the repeated declarations by the US administration that it intends to support Israel with the occupation and annexation of the Palestinian territories of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Jordan Valley,

We once again denounce the serious mistake that is being made, thinking that the "Plan of the Century", unilateral proposal by US President Trump, could replace the United Nations Resolutions and International Law to achieve a just peace. This assumption is based on a myopic, arrogant, and unipolar world view that has already caused wars and suffering to so many people in the Middle East.

Europe and the international community cannot be silent.

The annexation plan of Israel's new government will lead from *de facto* to a *de jure* annexation of large parts of land of the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), the Jordan Valley and East Jerusalem. This formal annexation would be the culmination of years of progressive appropriation of land by Israel, forcible displacement of the Palestinian population, demolition of housing, and the creation of an incredible labyrinth of check points and exclusive roads, for facilitating the insertion of the Israeli settlements. This annexation strategy has become the real political project, and it is completely against the spirits and the aims of the Oslo Peace Accords to achieve, in five years, the "two states for the two people" solution.

If we support International Law and the principles of the United Nations Charter, if we assume our obligations written in the European Convention on Human Rights and if we wish to be coherent with our democratic values, all of us, states and citizens, are obliged and responsible to stand up against the annexation of the Palestinian territories, calling on the Israeli government to stop this plan and to respect international law and existing United Nations resolutions.

Palestinian people have the same right of self-determination as the Israeli people. The Israeli state has been recognized since 1948; it is now time to recognize the Palestinian state with full sovereignty. This is the only solution in place to stop all forms of violence and discrimination, and opening a new historical phase of peace, cooperation, and coexistence that is based on mutual recognition and respect for the two peoples, Israeli and Palestinian.

SOLIDAR calls on the European Union and its Members States:

1. to stop Israel's annexation policies and to ensure the protection of Palestinian communities in the West Bank.
2. to immediately recognise the state of Palestine within the 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as the shared capital of the two states.