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## **STATEMENT**

**BY**

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**394<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE  
EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF  
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE (CEIRPP)**

**UNITED NATIONS**

**NEW YORK, 15 FEBRUARY 2019**

**Mr. Chairperson,**

1. Allow me to join others to congratulate you for being re-elected as the Chair of the Bureau of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP). Allow me also to express my appreciation to you, Mr. Chairperson, for your great efforts in steering the Committee last year. My delegation stands ready to support your chairmanship, especially in our role as the Vice-Chair for this year, and I indeed appreciate the support bestowed to Namibia once again on assuming this position with huge responsibility.
2. Equally, I wish to congratulate Afghanistan, Cuba, Indonesia, and Nicaragua, for also being re-elected as Vice-Chairs, and Malta as the Rapporteur. I commend the hard productive work of the members of the Committee, under the support and guidance of the Secretariat of the Division of Palestinian Rights and its able team.
3. We thank the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. António Guterres, for convening this meeting and for his statement of support for the Committee and the vital work it conducts.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

4. My delegation welcomes the adoption of the programme of work for 2019 which highlights the mandates of the Committee which includes to continue applying all efforts to promote the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to self-determination, and to support the achievement of an end to the Israeli occupation and for a two-State solution on the basis of the pre-1967 lines without further delay.
5. We recognize the importance of the priority issues set out in the Draft Programme and welcome the proposed actions to be taken by the Committee this year.
6. Among the issues that remain a concern and priority to my delegation are:
  - a) Lack of action by Israel to implement the all-important resolution 2334 of 2016;
  - b) The settlement expansions and the demolition and seizure of Palestinian properties.

- c) The status of Jerusalem, which the 72<sup>nd</sup> session General Assembly resolution reaffirmed that “Jerusalem is a final status issue to be resolved through negotiations in line with relevant United Nations resolution”, and;
  - d) Secured and stable funding for UNRWA.
7. We believe that the upcoming events, including the Committee delegation visit to Belgium in March, UN Forums, International Conferences and seminars to be held on the question of Palestine during the course of the year will be of particular importance and value to the work of the Committee.
  8. Through these engagements and the essential work conducted, my delegation believes that the Committee will continue to raise awareness and ensure that the Palestinian cause remains at the forefront of the issues that need to be addressed and urgently resolved in 2019. The two-state solution, on the basis of the 1967 borders, is the only viable solution to this drawn-out conflict – one in which the Palestinian people are able to exercise their inalienable rights in an independent State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and as a rightful member of the United Nations and its specialized agencies.
  9. To conclude, I reiterate our thanks and appreciation, as well as our commitment and obligations toward enhancing the work of the Committee and promoting the Committee’s Agenda.

**I thank you.**

