Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 29 November 2012

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/67/L.28 and Add.1)]


The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and stressing in this regard the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,

Recalling its resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,¹ by which it affirmed, inter alia, the duty of every State to promote, through joint and separate action, realization of the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,

Stressing the importance of maintaining and strengthening international peace founded upon freedom, equality, justice and respect for fundamental human rights,

Recalling its resolution 181 (II) of 29 November 1947,

Reaffirming the principle, set out in the Charter, of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force,


Reaffirming further the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,² to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, including with regard to the matter of prisoners,

Reaffirming its resolution 3236 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and all relevant resolutions, including resolution 66/146 of 19 December 2011, reaffirming the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including the right to their independent State of Palestine,

¹ Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.
Reaffirming also its resolutions 43/176 of 15 December 1988 and 66/17 of 30 November 2011 and all relevant resolutions regarding the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine, which, inter alia, stress the need for the withdrawal of Israel from the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, primarily the right to self-determination and the right to their independent State, a just resolution of the problem of the Palestine refugees in conformity with resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948 and the complete cessation of all Israeli settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

Reaffirming further its resolution 66/18 of 30 November 2011 and all relevant resolutions regarding the status of Jerusalem, bearing in mind that the annexation of East Jerusalem is not recognized by the international community, and emphasizing the need for a way to be found through negotiations to resolve the status of Jerusalem as the capital of two States,

Recalling the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 9 July 2004, 3

Reaffirming its resolution 58/292 of 6 May 2004 affirming, inter alia, that the status of the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, remains one of military occupation and that, in accordance with international law and relevant United Nations resolutions, the Palestinian people have the right to self-determination and to sovereignty over their territory,

Recalling its resolutions 3210 (XXIX) of 14 October 1974 and 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, by which, respectively, the Palestine Liberation Organization was invited to participate in the deliberations of the General Assembly as the representative of the Palestinian people and was granted observer status,

Recalling also its resolution 43/177 of 15 December 1988, by which it, inter alia, acknowledged the proclamation of the State of Palestine by the Palestine National Council on 15 November 1988 and decided that the designation “Palestine” should be used in place of the designation “Palestine Liberation Organization” in the United Nations system, without prejudice to the observer status and functions of the Palestine Liberation Organization within the United Nations system,

Taking into consideration that the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, in accordance with a decision by the Palestine National Council, is entrusted with the powers and responsibilities of the Provisional Government of the State of Palestine, 4

Recalling its resolution 52/250 of 7 July 1998, by which additional rights and privileges were accorded to Palestine in its capacity as observer,

Recalling also the Arab Peace Initiative adopted in March 2002 by the Council of the League of Arab States, 5

Reaffirming its commitment, in accordance with international law, to the two-State solution of an independent, sovereign, democratic, viable and contiguous State

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4 See A/43/928, annex.
of Palestine living side by side with Israel in peace and security on the basis of the
pre-1967 borders,

_Bearing in mind_ the mutual recognition of 9 September 1993 between the
Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, the
representative of the Palestinian people,

_Affirming_ the right of all States in the region to live in peace within secure and
internationally recognized borders,

_Commending_ the Palestinian National Authority’s 2009 plan for constructing
the institutions of an independent Palestinian State within a two-year period, and
welcoming the positive assessments in this regard about readiness for statehood by
the World Bank, the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund and as
reflected in the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee Chair conclusions of April 2011 and
subsequent Chair conclusions, which determined that the Palestinian Authority is
above the threshold for a functioning State in key sectors studied,

_Recognizing_ that full membership is enjoyed by Palestine in the United
Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Economic and Social
Commission for Western Asia and the Group of Asia-Pacific States and that
Palestine is also a full member of the League of Arab States, the Movement of
Non-Aligned Countries, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Group
of 77 and China,

_Recognizing also_ that, to date, 132 States Members of the United Nations have
accorded recognition to the State of Palestine,

_Taking note_ of the 11 November 2011 report of the Security Council
Committee on the Admission of New Members,6

_Stressing_ the permanent responsibility of the United Nations towards the
question of Palestine until it is satisfactorily resolved in all its aspects,

_Reaffirming_ the principle of universality of membership of the United Nations,

1. _Reaffirms_ the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to
independence in their State of Palestine on the Palestinian territory occupied since
1967;

2. _Decides_ to accord to Palestine non-member observer State status in the
United Nations, without prejudice to the acquired rights, privileges and role of the
Palestine Liberation Organization in the United Nations as the representative of the
Palestinian people, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and practice;

3. _Expresses the hope_ that the Security Council will consider favourably the
application submitted on 23 September 2011 by the State of Palestine for admission
to full membership in the United Nations;7

4. _Affirms its determination_ to contribute to the achievement of the
inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and the attainment of a peaceful
settlement in the Middle East that ends the occupation that began in 1967 and fulfils
the vision of two States: an independent, sovereign, democratic, contiguous and

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viable State of Palestine living side by side in peace and security with Israel on the basis of the pre-1967 borders;

5. Expresses the urgent need for the resumption and acceleration of negotiations within the Middle East peace process based on the relevant United Nations resolutions, the terms of reference of the Madrid Conference, including the principle of land for peace, the Arab Peace Initiative\(^5\) and the Quartet road map to a permanent two-State solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict\(^8\) for the achievement of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace settlement between the Palestinian and Israeli sides that resolves all outstanding core issues, namely the Palestine refugees, Jerusalem, settlements, borders, security and water;

6. Urges all States and the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to continue to support and assist the Palestinian people in the early realization of their right to self-determination, independence and freedom;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to implement the present resolution and to report to the General Assembly within three months on progress made in this regard.

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\(^{5}\) S/2003/529, annex.