



UNITED NATIONS ROUNDTABLE ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

Instruments and institutions of international treaty and human rights law – theory and practice

Amman, 15 - 17 March 2016

Draft Programme

DAY 1

09.00 - 09.30

Registration

09.30 - 10.00

OPENING SESSION

Welcome by:

Representative of the Committee on the Exercise of the
Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Representative of the State of Palestine

10.00 - 11.30

SESSION I presentations and interactive discussion on:

Foundations of international law and the State of Palestine

- Treaties and domestic law, territorial application
- Interaction of states, recognition of governments
- International organizations, their responsibility, lawmaking by international organizations
- Modern trends in recognition of states, fundamental rights of states
- Self-determination and criteria of statehood

11.30 - 11.45

Coffee break

11:45 - 13:00

SESSION I (CONTINUED)

International treaty law and institutions- challenges for emerging States

- Making of treaties, operation of treaties
- Withdrawal, suspension, termination, reservations, communications
- Relation of treaties and customary law, criticism of customary international law
- Dispute resolution, arbitration

13.00 - 14.30 LUNCH

14:30 - 15:30 **SESSION II presentation and interactive discussion on:**

Obligations of the State of Palestine after its accession to international legal instruments

- Provisions, mechanisms for implementation, including reporting obligations

15.30 - 15.45 *Coffee break*

15.45 - 17.00 **SESSION III presentation and interactive discussion on:**

International Environmental Law, its enforceability and remedial action

- Structural overview and recent developments
- Key principles, legal regulation, imposing liability
- Ozone depletion, Climate change, Biological diversity
- Cross-sectoral issues

18:00 - 20:00 *Reception hosted by the Committee on the
Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People*

VENUE:

DAY 2

09:30 - 10.45

SESSION IV presentation and interactive discussion on:

UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies and the State of Palestine

- Committee Against Torture (CAT)
- Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
- Human Rights Committee (ICCPR)
- Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict
- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

10.45 - 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30

SESSION IV (CONTINUED)

- Current established practice for fulfilment of human rights reporting obligations of the State of Palestine
- Long-term objective for national institutional architecture, capacity and sustainability
- Best practices in building national institutional architecture
- Reflecting international treaty implementation and reporting obligations in national and UNDAF planning and budgeting mechanisms

12.30 - 14.30

LUNCH

14.30 - 15.30

SESSION IV (CONTINUED)

- Promotion and protection of human rights in acute crisis
- Monitoring and reporting, remedies for breach
- Procedures to lodge a human rights complaint, procedures to respond to a human rights complaint
- The role of National Human Rights Commissions and civil society in protecting and promoting human rights, best practices

15.30 - 15.45

Coffee break

15.45 - 17.00

SESSION V presentation and interactive discussion on:

Incorporating gender perspective in treaty implementation and reporting

- Gender-based recommendations and requirements on treaty implementation and reporting

DAY 3

09.30 - 10.30 **SESSION VI presentation and interactive discussion on:**
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

- Bodies established under convention
- Dispute resolution mechanisms
- Meetings of State parties

10.30 - 10.45 *Coffee break*

10.45 - 12.30 **SESSION VII presentation and interactive discussion on:**

International law strategies and the Question of Palestine

- Opportunities and challenges
- Relevant international best practices
- Role of the civil society

12.30 - 14.00 **LUNCH**

14.00 - 15.00 **SESSION VII**

Introduction to the UN OLA audio-visual library of international law

15.00 - 15.15 *Coffee break*

CLOSING SESSION

14.00 - 14.30 *Remarks by:*

Representative of the Committee on the Exercise of the
Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Representative of the State of Palestine

15.00 - 16.00 Certificates ceremony and photograph

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