

Bureau Retreat - 3 October 2017

Decisions

1. The Bureau agreed to focus messaging of the Committee on the peace, justice and human rights dimensions of the Question of Palestine, and highlight its political, legal and social perspectives. Messaging will stress that the Question of Palestine is not a religious issue. Bureau members will ensure common messaging on the Question of Palestine in their respective social media.
2. The Committee messaging will highlight the linkage between the resolution of the Question of Palestine and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
3. The Bureau will seek meetings with the relevant Permanent Representatives to the UN, as well as to other US interlocutors to explain its mandate and press upon them the urgency to resolve the Question of Palestine.
4. The Bureau will reach out to newly elected Members of the Security Council as well as future candidates to ensure understanding of the Committee mandate and activities and inform their engagement on the Question of Palestine.
5. The Bureau will engage with Committee members to promote their greater participation in Committee activities.
6. The Bureau agreed to focus on promoting the recognition of the State of Palestine.
7. The Bureau will engage Regional Organizations / Groupings and encourage them, among other things, to include a reference to the Question of Palestine in their statements before the Security Council and other UN bodies.
8. The Bureau will undertake targeted Committee Delegation visits to Member States based on the need for outreach to specific regions of the world.
9. The Bureau will consider organizing events on the Question of Palestine on the side-lines of major inter-governmental summits.
10. Any outcome document of an international meeting organized by the Committee will require prior review and endorsement by the Bureau.
11. The Bureau will create a non-decision-making working-level Group of Deputy Permanent Representatives or officials in charge of the Palestinian file to share information, monitor the implementation of the Committee's Programme of Work in a timely manner and put forth proposals for approval by the Bureau.

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