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**VENEZUELA TO HOST SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, 17-18 APRIL**

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in collaboration with and at the invitation of the Government of Venezuela, will convene a special meeting at the historic Yellow House in Caracas on 17-18 April 2013. In parallel, the Government of Venezuela will be inaugurating a Palestinian cultural week.

Ambassador Abdou Salam Diallo (Senegal), Chairman of the Committee, Riad Malki, Foreign Affairs Minister of the State of Palestine, and Elias Jaua Milano, Minister of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, will open the meeting. It is expected to address two main issues: the implications of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 29 November 2012 to grant the status of non-Member Observer State to Palestine in the United Nations; and initiatives to re-launch worldwide and regional solidarity with the Palestinian people and the State of Palestine.

It is expected that, at the closing of the meeting, the Committee will adopt a declaration in which support for the cause of the Palestinian people and for the State of Palestine will be reaffirmed. A press conference will be held on 18 April following the closing of the meeting.

The Division for Palestinian Rights will provide updates on its website, on Facebook and on Twitter.

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