Dear Secretariat,

Regarding the Commission Of Inquiry's investigation of the root causes of recurrent tensions between the Palestinians and Israel, there are primarily three such causes:  1. Palestinian leadership's refusal to make peace with Israel.  2.  External forces threatening Palestinian leadership if it were to recognize Israel in peace.  3.  Perpetuation of an international donation system that maintains the present Palestinian leadership.

1.  Regarding Palestinian refusal to make peace with Israel, here are the documented opportunities that Israel has presented or authorized to have presented to Palestinian leadership to initiate and create a separate Palestinian state lying alongside Israel:

1947: UN General Assembly partition proposal (UNGAR 181)  --  rejected.

1949: Israel's offer for peace (UNGAR 194)  --  rejected.

1967: Israel's offer for peace (UNSCR 242)  --  rejected.

1978: Begin/Sadat peace proposal  --  rejected (except by Egypt).

1994: Rabin/Hussein peace agreement  --  rejected (except by Egypt).

1995: Rabin's Contour-for-Peace plan  --  rejected.

2000: Barak/Clinton peace offer  --  rejected.

2001: Barak’s Taba peace offer  --  rejected.

2008: Olmert/Bush peace offer  --  rejected.

2014: Kerry's Contour-for-Peace plan  --  rejected.

Each of these ten peace opportunities was rejected without a counter-offer by the Palestinian leadership, which has never presented a Palestinian peace offer.

2.  Regarding external forces threatening Palestinian leadership if it were to recognize Israel in peace, these threats have come from the Arab League states, from radical Islamists such as Al Qaeda, and from Irani leadership.  For decades, the threat has also been able to be effected internally, primarily through the internationally-recognized terrorist organization Hamas, which violently overthrew Palestinian leadership in Gaza when Israel unilaterally withdrew in the losing wager than its withdrawal would result in increased peacefulness.  Hamas is funded by Shiite Arab states, primarily Iran, and Hamas has ever-increased its threats and violent attacks on Palestinian leadership in the West Bank, especially whenever the West Bank Palestinian leadership takes any steps that Hamas can interpret as recognition of Israel.

3.  Regarding perpetuation of an international donation system that maintains the present Palestinian leadership, the Palestinians have received over $30 billion dollars in international aid in just the past 25 years, far more than any other group in history (for example, this is about 30 times more than the much-lauded WWII Marshall Plan on a per capita basis).  Palestinian leadership has wholly generated their considerable personal wealth through the skimming of international aid (for example, former Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was ascertained by U.S. Intelligence to have personally secreted well over $1 billion dollars).  International donations made without firm accountability perpetuate Palestinian leadership, presumably enabling it for purposes of perceived political stability, but ultimately assuring that this corrupt Palestinian leadership will remain in authority under the same conditions that have always existed, including the refusal to accept peace with Israel.

Sincerely,

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