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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite your Organization to participate in the **United Nations International Conference of Civil Society in Support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace**. The Conference will be held on 30 and 31 August 2007 at the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels under the auspices of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The theme of the Conference is “Civil society and parliamentarians working together for peace in the Middle East”.

The Committee has been following with grave concern the events unfolding in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. It has for many years stressed that the prolonged Israeli occupation is the root cause of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and ending it should be the first priority of the international community. The parties to the conflict must resume without delay the political process aimed at the establishment of a viable and contiguous Palestinian State in the territory occupied since 1967, comprising the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, with East Jerusalem as its capital. The international community, including many civil society organizations active on the issue, will support any tangible steps towards the peaceful solution of the question of Palestine.

The Conference will provide a timely opportunity to discuss the situation on the ground, with particular attention given to the role of elected representatives in advancing the cause of Middle East peace in concert with civil society. It will build on the results of the previous international conferences, giving civil society representatives and other participants from all regions of the world, and especially from Europe, an opportunity to highlight their work and coordinate their response to the recent developments. It is envisaged that a plan of action will be adopted by participants at the close of the Conference.

The official languages of the Conference will be English and French and proceedings of both plenary sessions and some of the workshops will benefit from simultaneous interpretation. A copy of the provisional programme and a registration form are attached. The provisional programme is also available on the web site of the Division for Palestinian Rights of the United Nations Secretariat at <http://unispal.un.org/ngo/calendar2.htm>.

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If your Organization wishes to participate in the Conference, please fill in the registration form and return it by fax or e-mail to the Division for Palestinian Rights of the United Nations Secretariat by **31 July 2007 at the latest**. The Division can be reached at:

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No registration or other fees will be charged for attending the Conference. However, all costs relating to your travel and accommodation will have to be borne by your Organization. More specific information will be sent in due course to the organizations that register for the Conference. If you need a visa, you should apply for one, three to four weeks prior to departure. Please let the Secretariat know if you need an individual letter of invitation for visa and other purposes.

I hope your Organization will be in a position to accept this invitation.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Badji
Chairman
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of the Inalienable Rights
of the Palestinian People

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