

This is a joint statement drafted by 16 representatives of Palestinian and Israeli organizations ahead of the international peace conference to be held in Annapolis this November. We are collecting signatures from civil society and former and current legislators and policymakers. Your signatures are urgently needed in order to support our joint work for peace.

**Message from Palestinian and Israeli Civil Society
to the International Conference on the Middle East Conflict**

The people of Palestine and Israel call upon President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) and Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to begin immediately intensified negotiations to conclude, by the end of 2008, a genuine peace agreement based upon: the Arab Peace Initiative and the previous agreements signed between the two sides; the implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions 242, 338 and 1397; a fair agreed-upon solution to the Palestinian refugees problem in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 194; the end of the Israeli occupation; the evacuation of all Jewish settlements from within the final borders of the State of Palestine; and a solution for Jerusalem based upon keeping it as one city but establishing it as the capital of the two states: Palestine and Israel.

Such an agreement should have a timetable and a mechanism for implementation, and be conducive to the establishment of an independent, sovereign Palestinian state within the borders of the 4th of June 1967, with limited mutually agreed-upon 1:1 swaps to meet the vital needs of the two states.

This agreement should be implemented immediately and completed by the establishment of the Palestinian state no later than the end of 2009. And with its implementation, both sides will declare an end to the conflict, opening the door to a comprehensive peace settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict. In setting out to achieve this goal, we call upon the two leaders to work out a results-based implementation plan with clear benchmarks that will concretely reflect positive changes in the life of the Palestinian and Israeli people, and to provide peace, respect for human rights and security to the two peoples.

Please send your signatures to any of the initiators below, in order to help us prepare effectively for the next step. Thank you very much.

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