

# **EUROPAL**FORUM

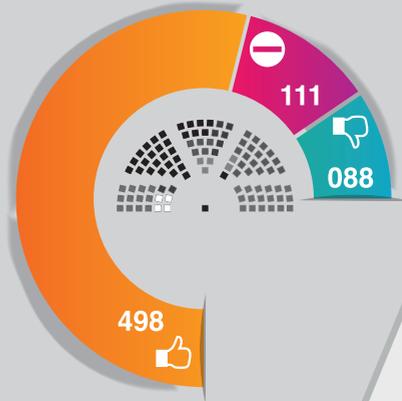
*BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN  
EUROPE AND PALESTINE.*

# PALESTINE AND EUROPE

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION OF 17 DEC 2014 ON RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD.

The European Parliament shows its strong support and “recognition of Palestinian statehood, and believes these should go hand in hand with the development of peace talks, which should be advanced”.

The resolution was drawn up by five political groups and passed by Parliament as a whole, by 498 votes to 88, with 111 abstentions.



Amidst the international awakening on Palestine, the need for effective public relations and constructive discourse is growing rapidly. With the constant whitewashing and pro-Israeli media bias, the need for a strong and united Palestinian presence within the world of public relations and media is mounting.

As the periodic destruction of Gaza repeatedly brings the Palestinian issues back to the foreground, public awareness is on the increase. At the UN, for instance, 135 out of 193 countries have now fully or partially recognised Palestine as a state. In the European Union 498 MEPs voted in favour of Palestinian recognition compared to 88 against.

European countries have grown increasingly frustrated with Israel and this has echoed throughout the EU in various motions and initiatives toughening up on Israeli policy. This support for Palestine must be progressed from symbolic solidarity to meaningful change. Change that guarantees adherence to international law and the realisation of human rights and fundamental freedoms for the Palestinian people.

The growing public support within Europe for recognising Palestine has been reflected in the political trend whereby a number of European governments, including Britain have passed non-binding motions to recognise the state of Palestine.

Since the collapse of the latest U.S. sponsored talks in April 2014 Israel has continued with its settlement building throughout the occupied territories. With the US proving time and again its unwillingness to apply any meaningful pressure, the EU now has a key role to play in Middle East Peace.

The lack of political pressure applied in favour of Palestinian rights has led the Palestinian leadership to apply for membership at the International Court of Justice (ICC). A move which has been criticised by some including the U.S., but welcomed by European and international mainstream.

## EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT RECOGNISED PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD.

### OFFICAL RECOGNITIONS:



SWEDEN



POLAND



ICELAND



HUNGARY



ROMANIA



BULGARIA



MALTA



CZECH REPUBLIC



CYPRUS

### NON-BINDING VOTE:



UK



SPAIN



FRANCE



IRELAND



PORTUGAL



ITALY



BELGIUM



EU



## WHO WE ARE

EuroPal Forum is an independent and non-party political organisation based in London, working to build networks throughout Europe in support of the promotion and realisation of Palestinian rights.

EuroPal Forum comprises an experienced and forward-thinking team with a shared vision of freedom, justice and equality for Palestinians. Employing modern techniques EuroPal Forum provides an innovative right-hand approach to public relations.

Established to promote dialogue and understanding between Palestinian and European decision makers, EuroPal Forum seeks a just European foreign policy upholding human rights and the Palestinian right to self-determination.

# OUR MISSION

EuroPal Forum promotes human rights and international law within the Palestinian and wider contexts. Through media and advocacy our work addresses the most crucial elements of the world's longest conflict in modern history.

To counterbalance the plethora of pro-Israeli bias public relations and media coverage, EuroPal Forum supports fair and open political analysis and dialogue in the UK and across Europe.

Our aim is the establishment of a positive and accurate public opinion on Palestine, leading to the realisation of Palestinian human rights and a just resolution to the Palestinian question.

# OBJECTIVES

To initiate and expand a professional network of relations in support of the rights of the Palestinian people to highlight the Palestinian issue within European mainstream.

To mobilise and empower European civil society in support of Palestine.

To provide a platform for groups and individuals within the fields of PR, media, and research working for the furtherance of Palestinian issues.

# EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS



All the latest news and updates on matters concerning European Palestinian relations can be found on our convenient Media Hub website section. The Hub is a source of independent news and opinion articles with a particular focus on political issues affecting Palestine.

EuroPal Forum closely follows and reacts to parliamentary and governmental affairs within Westminster and Brussels which impact on Palestine. Engaged in lobbying and strategic policy directions through research, analysis, and advocacy activities, EuroPal Forum provides a platform to inform the public debate on Palestinian issues.

EuroPal Forum organises seminars, working groups and high profile meetings with MPs, senior public figures and decision makers in Europe to raise awareness and encourage positive choices on matters concerning Palestine.

EuroPal Forum initiates a series of public relations (PR) and lobbying training courses held throughout Europe.



EuroPal Forum visit the Swedish Embassy in London.



EuroPal Forum is actively involved in raising awareness of Palestine and the issues surrounding the on-going occupation.



MPs reception in celebration of the overwhelming success at the British Parliament whereby 274 to 12 voted in favour of the recognition of Palestine.

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