

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN VIENNA COMMUNIQUÉ

14 January, 2002

A group of Palestinian and Israeli personalities met in Vienna between 12 - 14 Jan. 2002, under the auspices of the Austrian Ministry of Defence, to discuss the impasse facing the peace-process and the deteriorating situation in the Middle East. The discussion was held in the spirit of openness and frankness. The participants agreed on the following recommendations:

- 1. Resumption of the negotiations without any preconditions.**
- 2. Immediate implementation of Tenet plan and Mitchell report.**
- 3. We call for an immediate meeting between the two leaders Mr. Arafat and Mr. Sharon as a sign of good will to break the wave of violence and put a limit to the deterioration of the situation.**
- 4. Creating a viable Palestinian state side by side with the state of Israel based upon the implementation of UNSC resolution 242 and 338.**
- 5. Jerusalem will contain two capitals of the two states: Israel and Palestine.**
- 6. Evacuation of settlements and land swap will be based upon mutual agreements.**
- 7. We call for a just solution to the Palestinian refugee problem that does not constitute an existential threat to either society, and for an international effort to assist in this regard.**
- 8. A joint effort must be invested to put an end to all kinds of violence from all sides. An immediate act of normalisation of the daily life-conditions, including lifting the closure, will help to achieve that goal.**
- 9. Resumption of dialogue on all levels of society to promote values of mutual respect and dignity. Stop incitement on both sides, rebuild confidence, co-operation and education for peace and coexistence.**