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Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda

Request for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 138th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union submitted by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran

On 25 March 2018, the President received from the Secretary General of the Iranian Inter-Parliamentary Group a request and accompanying documents for the inclusion in the agenda of the 138th Assembly of an emergency item entitled:

"The necessity to support the Palestinian people in achieving their inalienable rights and to reject the US Administration's decision on Al-Quds al-Sharif (Jerusalem)".

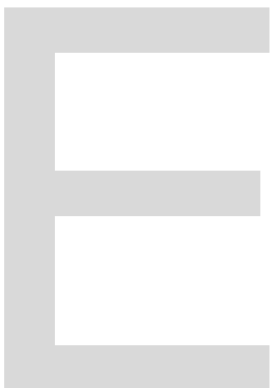
Delegates to the 138th Assembly will find attached the text of the communication submitting the request ([Annex I](#)), as well as an explanatory memorandum ([Annex II](#)) and a draft resolution ([Annex III](#)) in support thereof.

The 138th Assembly will be required to take a decision on the request of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran on Sunday, 25 March 2018.

Under the terms of Assembly Rule 11.1, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. Such a request must be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request. The IPU Secretariat shall communicate the request and any such documents immediately to all Members.

Furthermore, Assembly Rule 11.2 stipulates that:

- (a) A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a recent major situation of international concern on which urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the IPU to express its opinion and mobilize a parliamentary response. Such a request must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted.
- (b) The Assembly may place only one emergency item on its agenda. Should several requests obtain the requisite majority, the one having received the largest number of positive votes shall be accepted.
- (c) The authors of two or more requests for the inclusion of an emergency item may combine their proposals to present a joint one, provided that each of the original proposals relates to the same subject.
- (d) The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the request and title of the subject adopted by the Assembly.



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**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT BY
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE IRANIAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

25 March 2018

Her Excellency,

Please be informed that according the Rule 11.1 of the Rules of the IPU, the Islamic Parliament of Iran would like to present an emergency item with the following title:

"The necessity to support the Palestinian people in achieving their inalienable rights and to reject the US Administration's decision on Al-Quds al-Sharif (Jerusalem)".

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Gholamali Jafarzadeh Imenabadi
Secretary General
of the Iranian Inter-Parliamentary Group

"The necessity to support the Palestinian people in achieving their inalienable rights and to reject the US Administration's decision on Al-Quds al-Sharif (Jerusalem)"

Explanatory memorandum submitted by the delegation of Iran (Islamic Republic of)

In the name of God

The delegation of the Islamic Parliament of Iran believes that the main root causes of crisis, destabilization and insecurity in the Middle East lie with the continuation of the occupation of the Palestinian lands by the Israeli regime as well as the violation of the Palestinians' basic rights, in particular depriving them of a viable independent State with Al-Quds al-Sharif as its capital. The Palestinians have failed to realize even their preliminary wishes stipulated in the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council as well as those of the UN General Assembly. For more than seven decades, the Palestinian people have been faced with the most serious political, social and security problems and challenges. Millions of them have forcibly been made refugees who live in the worse situation.

Meanwhile, the continued expansion of settlements, occupation of more Palestinian lands and desecration of religious sites by the Israeli regime, which are carried out with the direct support of the US amid the indifference of international organizations, all in all have hampered the Palestinians' drive to achieve their rightful and legal demands. The systematic violation of the human rights of the Palestinian people and the inhuman actions against them by the Israeli regime, including mass killings, terror, intimidation, destroyed homes, forced displacement, etc., are reminiscent of the worst human atrocities and crimes against humanity. This situation, which constitutes a flagrant violation of all divine and human values, international human rights law and international humanitarian law as well as the Charter of the United Nations, is a matter of serious concern for the international community.

The Israeli regime has taken a number of measures to change the demography of Al-Quds al-Sharif in order to impose its hegemony over this city, including forcing the main inhabitants to leave the city, occupying their houses and lands, replacing the Muslim population with Jewish people, and destroying sacred Islamic sites and symbols.

The imprudent and provocative decision of the US president to recognize Al-Quds al-Sharif as the capital of the Israeli regime reveals the horrible intentions of the US administration and further discredits the US Government before those who still have confidence in the neutrality of Washington in the mirage-like trend of peace talks. This decision has complicated the situation and creates outrage among nations and serious reactions by governments in the world.

The Islamic Parliament is of a strong belief that this Assembly should express its deep condemnation over the decision by the US administration to recognize Al-Quds al-Sharif as the capital of the Zionist regime.

Given the fact that Jerusalem (Al-Quds) belongs to the Palestinian people and has been recognized as an occupied land by the UN resolutions, the above-mentioned US move is in stark violation of the UN General Assembly and Security Council resolutions. Therefore, the delegation of the Islamic Parliament of Iran strongly condemns the US decision and calls on the international community to take due measures in order to stop the implementation of the US decision. These serious and awful actions by the US system against the Palestinian people require proportionate and strong actions by the international community.

In order to send strong a message to the international community, it is necessary that the IPU at its 138th Assembly pay full attention to the serious situation of the oppressed Palestinian people and take a united position against the aforementioned US decision through the General Debate and consider the following draft resolution as an emergency item on its agenda.

**THE NECESSITY TO SUPPORT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING
THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS AND TO REJECT THE US ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION
ON AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF (JERUSALEM)**

Draft resolution submitted by the delegation of IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

The 138th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

- (1) *Recalling* that the Inter-Parliamentary Union shares the objectives and principles of the United Nations,
- (2) *Affirming* its provision of political, economic and humanitarian support to assist the Palestinian people and strengthen their efforts to realize their legitimate national aspirations, including their inalienable right to self-determination and establishing an independent viable State of Palestine with Al-Quds al-Sharif as its capital,
- (3) *Expressing* grave concern over the critical situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, due to the ongoing illegal policies and practices of Israel,
- (4) *Deploing* the Israeli settlement campaign in all its manifestations, which is aimed at forcibly and illegally altering the demography, character and status of the Palestinian Territory, especially Occupied Jerusalem, and *condemning* in the strongest terms the systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people,
- (5) *Appreciating* UNRWA's valuable efforts for assisting and providing the necessary basic services to the Palestinian refugees,
- (6) *Rejecting* the US Administration's unlawful decision regarding the status of Al-Quds al-Sharif,
 - (1) *Reaffirms* its strong support for the Palestinian people to realize their just cause and inalienable rights;
 - (2) *Emphasizes* its commitment to safeguarding the rights of Palestinian refugees and *calls on* the international community to increase its financial support, through UNRWA, to the Palestinian refugees;
 - (3) *Also calls on* the US to withdraw its decision to cut more than half of its financial contributions to UNRWA;
 - (4) *Condemns* Israel's illegal policy and actions deliberately aimed at altering the Palestinian Territory's demographic composition, character, and legal status;
 - (5) *Strongly rejects* the US Administration's unlawful decision to change the legal status of the City of Al-Quds al-Sharif, which has no legal value and lacks any legitimacy, and *considers* it null and void;
 - (6) *Calls upon* the international community, in particular all the Member Parliaments of the IPU and their governments that have not recognized the State of Palestine, to recognize the State of Palestine's full membership status in the United Nations.