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### **WPC Statement on the recent Israeli-UAE agreement**

The World Peace Council stresses the centrality of the Palestinian issue for the Peace in the region and its firm position on the Palestinian matter as the crucial issue in the Middle East conflict.

Commenting on the Israeli-Emirati (United Arab Emirates-UAE) agreement to normalize relations between them under US auspices, we underline that peace in the Middle East will only be achieved by resolving the Palestinian issue on the basis of UN resolutions , international law and the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. Such solution must guarantee the complete Israeli withdrawal from the lands occupied in 1967, the independence of the occupied Palestinian state within the borders of the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1967, with east Jerusalem as its capital and the guarantee of the right of Palestinian refugees to return in accordance with UN Resolution 194.

The WPC reaffirms that any circumvention of these rights through bilateral or trilateral agreements that do not guarantee these conditions will not be in the interest of peace and stability in the region and cannot serve the peoples of the region. This is visible especially these days where we witness heavy Israeli bombing of the Palestinian Gaza Strip, which we strongly denounce and condemn.

The WPC reiterates its full-hearted solidarity with the just struggle of the Palestinian people in order to achieve these goals, against the imperialist plans in the region.

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