

# المبادرة الوطنية الفلسطينية

## The Palestinian National Initiative

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Ramallah  
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Dear All,

Please allow me to express my sincere gratitude for the immense effort and work of the International Solidarity Movement regarding the Palestinian situation. All of the work and dedication that is spent in assisting the Palestinian side of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict using nonviolent protests has been of great practice in peaceful resistance against the Israeli occupation.

It is with great concern regarding the upcoming meeting that is to be held in Paris on May 27-28. This meeting will discuss the possibility of Israel becoming a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. OECD is an international organization that primarily focuses on bringing together the governments of countries that are committed to democracy and promoting a market economy from around the world in order to provide a setting where governments compare policy experiences, seek answers to common problems, identify good practice, and coordinate domestic and international policies.

I urge the International Solidarity Movement to continue the support and solidarity with the Palestinian cause. We propose that a campaign be made in order to assist in the Israeli request to become a member of the OECD, as its practices do not comply with this organization's principles.

By taking a firm stand, it will ultimately confirm your solidarity with preserving human rights, democracy, and the basic rights that are stripped from the Palestinian people.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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