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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Council  
pursuant to Rule 103(2) of the Rules of Procedure  
by Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck and Ignasi Guardans Cambó  
on behalf of the ALDE Group  
on the Palestinian elections and East Jerusalem

**European Parliament resolution on the Palestinian elections and East Jerusalem**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the Middle East conflict,
  - having regard to UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338,
  - having regard to the results of the recent Palestinian Legislative Council elections,
  - having regard to Rule 103(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, following the results of the Palestinian elections held on 25 January 2006, the 'Change and Reform' (Hamas) list obtained an absolute majority of the seats,
- B. whereas Hamas is an organisation listed as a terrorist group by the European Union, has advocated the use of military actions against Israel and so far refuses to recognise the State of Israel as such,
- C. whereas the Council decided not to publish the report on Israeli policy in East Jerusalem sent to it by the Commission representative,
- D. whereas the European Union has stated that the only basis for lasting peace is the reaffirmation and full recognition of Israel's inalienable right to live in peace and security within internationally recognised borders and the establishment of a viable, independent and democratic Palestinian state and an end to the occupation of Palestinian territories,
- E. whereas Jerusalem is a target of Palestinian terrorist actions against civilians,

*On the Palestinian elections:*

1. Congratulates the Palestinian people who, throughout the electoral process, demonstrated extraordinary determination in overcoming the difficulties posed by the occupation and showed themselves to be fully committed to democracy building;
2. Welcomes the success of the recent electoral process, which set an excellent standard for the entire region in terms of transparency and fairness;
3. Believes that, following these elections, the Palestinian people's expectations must now be met by good and accountable governance, starting with the adoption of sustainable reforms aimed at improving people's quality of life and of credible measures to fight corruption and religious extremism, abolish all armed militias and promote gun control and the independence of the judiciary;

4. Calls on the new Palestinian Legislative Council and Government to clearly recognise the State of Israel, to renounce all forms of terrorism and military action, to commit themselves to the principle of peaceful negotiation aiming at a two-state solution and to work in cooperation with the Quartet;
5. Considers that the electoral radicalisation of the Palestinian people is undoubtedly also caused by the stalling of the peace process and that, in order to prevent further radicalisation, the international community should focus on the many unsolved issues, both political and humanitarian, in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;

*On East Jerusalem:*

6. Reaffirms the principle of the two-state solution set out in the roadmap and stresses that no lasting peace is possible without a fair and negotiated settlement on the final status of Jerusalem, which should take into consideration the political and religious concerns of all parties;
7. Strongly condemns all forms of terrorism, which has caused hundreds of casualties among the civilian population in Jerusalem and neighbouring areas, as well as in the rest of Israel, and renews its appeal to the Palestinian Authority to do everything within its power to prevent acts of terrorism;
8. Stresses the principle of transparency and openness in the EU institutions and deplores the fact that a Commission report on Israeli policy in East Jerusalem was stopped by the Council; urges the Council, therefore, to publish the report and take due account of its recommendations;
9. Considers that effective action against terrorism by the Palestinian Authority is essential in reaching a just and final settlement on Jerusalem, and calls on the new Palestinian Legislative Council to take appropriate measures to stop all terrorist violence against Israel;
10. Calls on the Israeli Government to halt the completion of the security wall around East Jerusalem, to halt the construction and expansion of settlements, in particular the Ma'aleh Adumim settlement which threatens to complete the encircling of the city by Israeli settlements, dividing the West Bank into two separate geographical areas, and to stop the demolition of Palestinian homes built without permits, given the restrictive building permit policy imposed on Palestinians by the Jerusalem municipality;
11. Considers that residents of East Jerusalem, who are submitted to local taxation, should be provided with the same standards of service as in the rest of the city;
12. Welcomes the proposal, included in the Commission report to the Council, to organise more international and diplomatic meetings in East Jerusalem;
13. Reiterates its call for the reopening of Palestinian institutions in East Jerusalem, in accordance with the roadmap, in particular the Orient House and the Chamber of Commerce;

14. Calls on the Commission to reinforce its projects supporting people-to-people activities in order to increase opportunities for dialogue and the sharing of experiences by the two communities of Jerusalem;
15. Supports the Commission's policy of providing assistance to community and public institutions in East Jerusalem, including fostering cooperation in the health sector, networking East Jerusalem hospitals and preserving the heritage of East Jerusalem;
16. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Governments of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and the Municipality of Jerusalem.