

Remarks by Dr. Ahmad Majdalani (PPSF Secretary General) To the Socialist International (SI) Congress

Comrades, Congress Presidency

Comrades and friends, Congress members from the sister parties at the Socialist International, participating at this significant and historic event today in Madrid.

You are certainly aware of the challenges and conflicts facing the world today and taking the form of Eastern- Western division, especially with regard to the reconstruction of the international system, which entails transition from a unipolar system to a more just and equal multipolar system that ensures for the rights of peoples to development, independence and freedom, in line with the international law and legitimacy.

Moreover, the world is witnessing a growing phenomenon of populism, inclination towards the far right, racism, and manifestations of neo-fascist movements that would threaten democratic and social gains that have been established during the past years.

Confronting the ongoing crises of inflation, price increase, and widespread unemployment subsequent to the Russian-Ukrainian crisis requires a serious effort by the (SI) family to push towards negotiations and broker a political solution that considers the various interests of the countries of the region. The political alternative should also achieve security and stability for all countries and contribute to addressing the damage to socio-economic growth and development, and pave the way to confront the other challenges that concern the peoples of the world, including climate change, pollution, food crises, and famine ravaged nations.

We call upon you comrades to stand together to stop immigrants and refugees suffering at the Mediterranean Sea. The sea that should be the connecting bridge between east and west

To confront these crises and challenges that jeopardize the international security and stability, the Socialist International shall strengthen and develop its role as a major and influential actor in addressing the contemporary challenges that face humanity. Through its progressive vision, (SI) is capable and qualified to propose and contribute with solutions to many contemporary crises.

My dear comrades,

The exacerbation of international crises has generated multiple priorities that caused the decline of interest in the Middle East crisis. This political deadlock has been coupled with the this was accompanied by the incapacity of the international community to enforce its decisions stipulating the right of the Palestinian people to exercise self-determination and establish their independent state based on international legitimacy

resolutions on the Palestinian cause, without double standards in implementing international legitimacy between states and people.

The impotence of the international community, in addition to the deadlock in the political horizon, and a political vacuum caused by the abandonment of US role in the peace process, while not allowing the opportunity to other international parties to fill the vacuum should come to an end. Israel has exploited this vacuum to transform its military occupation from a temporary one into a colonial system that practices apartheid and racist discrimination, as has been manifested in the outcomes of the recent elections in Israel.

We call on you, in your capacities and out of your responsibilities, not to deal with the ministers of the neo-fascist right in Israel, who will form the backbone of the next Netanyahu government. The forces of terrorism and extremism cannot be rewarded by strengthening their international standing; however they should be rather isolated.

We also call on you to save the internationally adopted two-state solution based on the international legitimacy resolutions, by:

First: Recognizing the State of Palestine by countries which have not yet done so.

Second: Supporting our statehood quest to achieve full UN membership, to practice our equal right like the rest of nations.

Third: supporting our struggle to end the last occupation in the world and end all occupation daily human right violations against our people.

We in the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front deem the convening of this (SI) Congress an important historical opportunity to rebuild a more effective and influential international role in international political relations to maintain security and stability and create a common future for humanity based on honoring and applying UN Charter, international law and sustainable development goals, and not to leave any people behind.

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration