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Third Conference on Palestinian Justice
“A Suitable Constitutional Judiciary System for Palestine and the Need for
a Constitutional Court as a requirement to build a Palestinian State”
Video Conference with
Ramallah-Gaza-Cairo-Amman
13th – 14th December 2009

With the consultation of the International Bar Association (IBA), the Palestinian Center for the Independence of The Judiciary and the Legal Profession- Musawa is honored to invite you to attend and participate in the Third Conference on Palestinian Justice entitled “A Suitable Constitutional Judiciary System for Palestine and the Need for a Constitutional Court as a requirement to build a Palestinian State.”

The conference will include several legal papers regarding the above topic and will be presented by a group of international law experts from Britain, Switzerland, Northern Ireland, and the Netherlands. In addition to a number of presentations by Palestinian and Arab law experts from Egypt and Jordan. The conference will be broadcasted through video conference among the cities of Ramallah, Gaza, Amman and Cairo.

Date: 13th and 14th of December, 2009.

Location: The Palestinian Red Crescent Society Hall, Al-Bireh, Jerusalem Street.

Conference Agenda attached

Day One
Sunday: 13/12/2009

9:00 - 9:30

Registration

9:30 - 10:30

Opening Speeches:

- Excellency President of the Executive Committee of the Palestinian Liberation Organization; President of the Palestinian Authority *Mr. Mahmud Abbas-Abu Mazen*.
- Prime Minister Mr. **Salam Fayyad**.
- Chief of the High Judiciary Council Judge **Farid Jallad**.
- Attorney General Mr. **Ahmad Al-Mughni**.
- Judge **Mahmud Hammad** - Chief of Board at Palestinian Judges Society and Judge of the Supreme Court.
- Head of the Palestinian Bar Association.
- European Commission.
- Musawa.

10:30 - 11:45

Session One

Chairman in Ramallah: Mr. Hani Al Masri (Bada'el).
Chairman in Gaza: Consulate Mr. Abdul Hameed Al A'ileh.

Paper One: “**Internal Political crisis and obtainable solutions**” by *Dr. Ali Assartawi* (Ramallah) - Professor of Law at An-Najah National University and Former Minister of Justice, and Politician Mr. Abdullah Hurani (Gaza).

Paper Two: “**The Impact on the Constitutional Review When the Judiciary System is Politicized and Factionalized**” by *Advocate Ala' Taha* (Gaza).

Paper Three: “**Practices of Constitutional Monitoring According to the Basic Law**” by *Dr. Ahmad Al Khaldi* (Ramallah) - Professor of Law at An-Najah National University and a Former Minister of Justice.

-Discussion

11:45 - 12:00

-Break

<p>12:00 - 3:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session Two</u></p> <p><i>Chairman in Ramallah: Mr. Salahaldin Mousa/ Director of Division Monitoring Legislation & Policies ,Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR)</i> <i>Chairman in Gaza: Advocate Anwar Attawiel.</i></p> <p>Paper One: “Benefits of a Constitutional Court and the Court’s Ability to Function within the Palestinian Political Situation” by <i>Dr. Muhammad Hammouri</i> (Amman) – Professor of Law and Former Jordanian Minister.</p> <p>Paper Two: “Until the Formation of the Constitutional Court the High Supreme Court is now in temporary control of duties and functions of the Constitutional Court as provided in the Amended Basic Law” by Judge Abdullah Ghuzlan- Judge of the Palestinian Supreme Court.</p> <p>Paper Three: “Palestinian Law on Constitutional Court and the IBA Recommendation” by Prof. Eva Maria BELSER- Director of the International Research and Consulting Center Fribourg, (Switzerland).</p> <p>-Discussion</p> <p>3:00 -Wrap up and Launch</p>
<p>10:00 - 10:30</p> <p>10:30 - 12:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day Two Monday: 14/12/2009</p> <hr/> <p>Registration</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session Three</u></p> <p><i>Chairman in Ramallah: Dr. Majdi (Professor at Birzeit University).</i> <i>Chairman in Gaza: Consulate Hani Ghanem.</i></p> <p>Paper One: “Constitutional courts and international human rights law” by <i>Professor Steven Greer</i>, School of Law, University of Bristol, U.K.</p> <p>Paper Two: “Absence of the Legislative Council and its Impact on the Separation of Powers” by <i>Dr. Nafez AL Madhun</i>- University Professor (Gaza).</p> <p>Paper Three: “Approaches of Musawa’s Initiative and Seyada Efforts” <i>Judge Cornelis BloK</i>; ex-Judge specialized in Administrative law, and Project Manager of Seyada I (EC Funded Project).</p> <p>-Discussion</p>

12:30 - 1:00	-Break
1:00 - 4:00	<u>Session Four</u>
	<i>Chairman in Ramallah: Dr. Ahmad Barrak (General Prosecution).</i> <i>Chairman in Gaza: Dr. Abdul Kareem Shbair.</i>
1:00 - 2:00	Paper One: " The Role of Constitutional Judiciary and Law in Protecting Human Rights- Comparative Study " <i>by Prof. Robert Wintemute, Professor of Human Rights Law at King's University, London.</i>
	-Discussion
2:00 - 3:15	Paper Two: " Pros and Cons of Constitutional Court and a Constitutional council- and what should be the proper one for Palestine? " <i>by Dr. Fathi Fekri, Professor and Head of General Law Department at Cairo University (Cairo).</i>
	Paper Three: "Constitutional Court- Experience of Egypt- Critical Overview" <i>by Consulate Abdul Aziz Selman, Head of the Egyptian Supreme Constitutional Court Commission (Cairo).</i>
3:15 - 3:30	Paper Four: " Challenges facing the Constitutional Review in the Arab world " <i>by Dr. Rafat Fouda,, Professor of General Law at the University of Cairo (Cairo).</i>
	-Discussion
	-Break
3:30 - 4:00	Wrap up and Recommendations
4:00	Lunch