

**“INSTITUTIONALISED DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN CITIZENS OF ISRAEL”**

**Visit to Brussels of Israeli NGOs –Jewish and Palestinian
working on the rights of the Palestinian minority in Israel
25-28 November 2002**

Invited NGOs

Adalah, the Arab Association for Human Rights, Ittijah, Mossawa, Regional Council for Unrecognized Villages in the Negev, Shatil, Sikkuy

Organisers

Aprodev -Association of World Council of Churches related Development Organizations in Europe
Associazione per la pace –Association for Peace
ASF -Avocats sans frontières
CIDSE Coopération internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité
ECCP -European Coordinating Committee of NGOs on the Question of Palestine
EMHRN -Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network
FIDH –International Federation for Human Rights
OMCT –World Organisation against Torture
SOLIDAR
WCC –World Council of Churches

With the support of Members of the European Parliament

Mrs. Alima Boumédiène-Thiery (Verts / ALE)
Mrs. Lousewies van der Laan (ELDR)
Mrs. Luisa Morgantini (GUE / NGL)
Mr. Jannis Sakellariou (PSE)
Mrs. Ulla Sandbæk (EDD)

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PROGRAMME

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE AND TIME
Sunday 24 November	Arrival	
Monday 25 November	Reimbursement procedures 8.30 – 9 AM	
	<p><u>Morning:</u> Meeting on strategy and coordination for Palestinian, Israeli and European NGOs staff -Introducing ourselves -Short introduction to the EU institutions (by the organisers) -Preliminary discussion on the Programme -Invited NGOs brief European NGOs on discrimination against the Palestinian citizens of Israel; European NGOs brief invited NGOs on their activities -EU-Israel bilateral relations (trade and cooperation agreements); lobbying the EU (presentation by Charles Shamas -Mattin Group, Ramallah)</p> <p><u>Afternoon:</u> Practical workshop & discussion: Defining which requests Israeli and European NGOs should address to different institutions of the EU and its Member States, follow up of the visit and plans for the future -with the participation of Driss El Yazami -Secretary General of the International Federation for Human Rights and member of the Executive Committee of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network, and Charles Shamas)</p>	<p>Aprodev offices 28, Boulevard Charlemagne Brussels 1000</p> <p>9 AM-5 PM</p> <p>Lunch: buffet 1-2.30 PM</p>
	Dinner together	<p>Restaurant Falstaff rue Henri Maus 22 B-1000 Bruxelles Tel. 02-25 11 98 77 8 PM</p>
Tuesday 26 November	Israeli NGOs shortly intervenes at the meeting of the “Committee on Women’s Rights and Equal Opportunities”	<p>European Parliament Building Altiero Spinelli A3G - 2 9 AM-</p>
	Meeting at the Council of the EU, Directorate-General E - External economic relations, common foreign and security policy Directorate V - Barcelona Process, common strategy on the Mediterranean region, Turkey, Malta, Cyprus, Mashreq / Maghreb, Persian Gulf, Iraq, Iran, Yemen: Mr. Dominique Sarat, Head of Division, Barcelona Process Mr. Andreas Strub, Head of Division, Division Middle East Peace Process	<p>Council of the EU 10 AM</p>
	Meetings at the Belgian Parliament and Government (inter-parliamentary Group of MPs for Palestine; cabinets of Green Ministers)	<p>Belgian Parliament and Government 12 AM – 4 PM</p>
	Meeting at the European Commission: Directorate General for External relations -Directorate F - Middle East, South Mediterranean	<p>European Commission 5 PM</p>
	Dinner free	

Wednesday 27 November	Meeting with various MEPs, organised by supporting MEP Mrs. Luisa Morgantini	European Parliament Room ASP 1E1 9.30 – 11 AM
	-Meeting with the delegation for relations with Israel: Chairman Mr. Mario Soares (PSE/ Group of the Party of European Socialists), Vice-Chairmen Mrs. Cristina Gutierrez Cortines (PPE-DE: Group of the European People's Party –Christian Democrats- and European Democrats)and Mr. Jan Dhaene (Verts/ALE: Group of the Greens / European Free Alliance) and other Members of the delegation might also attend the meeting	European Parliament Building Altiero Spinelli A3E-3 11-12.30 AM
	Working lunch (buffet) with Professor Bichara Khader (University of Louvain la Neuve): “Europe and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict”	Aprodev offices 1-3 PM
	Meeting with the European Commission Directorate General for External relations -Directorate B - Multilateral relations and human rights: Mrs. Catherine Magnant, Administrator ERB1 Mrs. Julia Savage, Auxiliare ERB1 Europaid: Mr. Alkis Diamantopoulos Senior Administrator, AIDCO F/3, Human Rights /Democracy/, Governance in the Middle East and Mashraq	Aprodev Offices 4-6 PM 5.15 PM
	Public event at the University of Brussels: “Being Palestinian in Israel” Israeli NGOs present their work to the public Discussion Media invited	Vrije Universiteit Brussel VUB Pleinlaan, 2 1050 Brussels Building Q room C 8 PM
	Dinner free	
Thursday 28 November	Press Conference	Ecumenical House <i>Maison Oecuménique</i> Rue Joseph II, 174 Brussels 1000 11 AM Lunch: buffet 1-2.30 PM
	Meetings at the Council of the EU: Directorate-General E - External economic relations, common foreign and security policy: Mr. Bjorn Larsson -General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union; Private office; Departments attached to the Secretary-General/High Representative; PPEWU - Policy planning and early warning unit; Task Force &QL; Mediterranean/Barcelona - Middle East/Africa&QR	Council of the EU 2 PM
	Workshop: Assessment of the visit and plans for the future With the participation of Charles Shamas (Mattin Group, Ramallah)	Ecumenical House Rue Joseph II, 174 Brussels 1000

	Assessment meeting Reimbursement procedures	<i>End of the afternoon</i>
	Dinner together	Restaurant Le Paon Royal Rue du Vieux Marché aux Grains, 6 Bruxelles 1000 Tel. 02-513 08 68 8 PM
Friday 29 November	Departure Remaining reimbursement procedures	