

PROPOSERS: Group of MPs from Political Party - Levica

PROPOSAL DECLARATION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE
STATE OF PALESTINE

Skopje,

October, 2024

**TO: THE PRESIDENT OF
THE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

Based on Article 68, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia (1991) and Articles 203, Paragraph 1 and Article 204 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia (Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 248/2023), we submit to you a *Proposal Declaration for the Recognition of the Independence of the State of Palestine*.

In accordance with Article 75, Paragraph 3 and Article 76, Paragraph 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, we request that this Proposal-Declaration be included in the Agenda of the first upcoming plenary session of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia.

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Based on Article 68, paragraph 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia (1991), The Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, at a session held on _____ 2024, adopted the following

D E C L A R A T I O N

FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE

Taking into account the decades-long occupation of Palestine and acts of terror and genocide committed against the Palestinian population, which make Palestine and the Middle East region a source of international military conflicts, instability, and political tensions;

Starting from the inalienable natural right to life and affirming that the primary goal of the United Nations is the maintenance of international peace and security;

Affirming the determination of the Republic of Macedonia as an independent state committed to its duty to contribute to international peace and security and the protection of universal human rights;

Guided by the goals and principles of the United Nations Charter, and emphasizing in this regard the principle of equality of rights and the right to self-determination of peoples;

Taking into account the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1976), according to which states are obliged to promote the right to self-determination and recognize the rights of peoples to freely govern, trade and dispose of their natural wealth and resources;

Highlighting Resolution 194 (A/RES/ES-10/23) adopted by the UN General Assembly on May 10, 2024, especially point 5 of the same which refers to the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and their right to an independent State of Palestine;

Recalling relevant United Nations resolutions related to the question of Palestine, including, among others, Resolution ES-10/22 of December 12, 2023;

Taking into account the orders issued by the International Court of Justice in the case Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel).

Responding to the call by United Nations human rights experts from June 3, 2024 to all United Nations member states to recognize the independent State of Palestine;

Considering that the vast majority of United Nations member states and several European Union member states recognize the independence of Palestine;

Starting from the tradition and heritage of the Republic of Macedonia as a legal successor of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which as a state continuously supported oppressed peoples around the world, recognized the independence of Palestine and together with Palestine was part of the Non-Aligned Movement;

Supporting the Palestinian people in realizing their hitherto denied right to self-determination and their own independent national state due to the historical and moral obligation of the Macedonian Republic to advocate for the realization of the rights of Palestinians, taking into account the similar tragic fate of Macedonians in the past, who, like the Palestinians, were denied the right to self-determination and were victims of ethnic cleansing, mass exodus, systematic expulsion, state terror in Aegean Macedonia;

Appreciating that the independence of Palestine is important for the realization and protection of human rights of the Palestinian people and their efforts towards freedom and independence and the prerequisite for lasting peace in Palestine and the entire Middle East.

The Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia:

1. Recommends that the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, within its constitutional competencies and in accordance with the state and national interests of the Republic of Macedonia, take all necessary activities and make all necessary decisions to establish diplomatic relations with Palestine and recognize the State of Palestine;

2. Recommends that the Government of the Republic of Macedonia take actions to promote cooperation between the Republic of Macedonia and the State of Palestine in all areas of mutual interest, as well as to take actions necessary for the development of cooperation and good relations with all United Nations member states;

3. Recommends that the Government of the Republic of Macedonia unwaveringly commits to peace on both sides, seeking accountability and justice from international institutions that guarantee human rights - including before the International Criminal Court;

4. This declaration shall be submitted to the Government of the Republic of Macedonia;

5. This declaration will be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia.

ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

No. _____

President of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia,
Afrim Gashi, [signature]

___ October 2024 Skopje