



Civil Society Organizations' Memorandum for the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the right to elections in Jerusalem

To Mrs. *Michelle Bachelet* Jeria,

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

We, the undersigned civil society organizations, present to you this memorandum, in your capacity of protecting human rights at the international level, to affirm that human rights are rights inherent in all human beings without discrimination, and it is the right of the Palestinians, individuals and people, to enjoy them unconditionally, and it is the duty of the international community to enable the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation to exercise all their legitimate rights, including the right to freely and democratically elect and choose their representatives. It is the duty of everyone to work for the manifestation of these rights and act according to them, and to refrain from any acts that constitute a deviation or violation of them. In this regard, we stress that Israel, the occupying power, does not have the right to obstruct or prevent the holding of general Palestinian elections in East Jerusalem or in any area of the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, as it is bound by the signed agreements, covenants, international covenants, international humanitarian law and human rights, and the advisory opinion of the Hague Court on the Wall of 2004, respecting the right of





Jerusalemites to participate in elections as an expression of the right to self-determination, as Jerusalem is part of the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority includes all Palestinian residents in all their places of residence, including those in Jerusalem who do not hold Israeli citizenship. Jerusalemites had already exercised their right to vote in 1996 and 2006, and nothing prevented them from doing that except for the Israeli policy that denies the rights of the Palestinian people, which persists in Judaizing the Holy City and the policy of annexation and expansion, which is contrary to international law. Expressing our rejection of the arbitrary practices carried out by the Israeli occupation authorities against the Palestinians, we call on you to exercise your active role in advocating for the Palestinian people and their legitimate rights and to intensify efforts and international pressure to force Israel to comply with international legitimacy by allowing elections to take place in East Jerusalem, and not to put any obstacles in the face of the participation of Palestinian Jerusalemite citizens in the elections inside the Holy City as nominations and votes, including the presence of polling centers inside the Holy City and the right to conduct election campaigning, safe and free access to polling centers, the freedom of movement of candidates and not to be subjected to or hold them accountable for exercising these rights and giving guarantees that their rights will not be violated as a result. Participate in the elections and respect their results, and allow the Palestinian Election Commission and local and international observers to operate freely as a guarantee of the integrity and transparency of the electoral process.





With full respect

Occupied Jerusalem on 26/4/2021

Signatures:

1. Palestine Institute for National Security Researches
2. Human Rights & Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"/Palestine
3. Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center (JLAC)
4. Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (ACHRS)
5. The Moroccan Coordination for Human Rights Organizations (include 26 HR organizations from Morocco, Mauretania, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya)
6. The Egyptian Organization for Human rights
7. The Tunisian League for Defense Human Rights
8. The Algerian League for Defense Human Rights
9. Kham Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture-Lebanon
10. The Iraqi Network for Human Rights Organizations
11. The Civil Forum in Sudan (which includes 54 civil society organizations) / Sudan
12. The Moroccan Association for Human Rights
13. Yemeni Organization for Defense Rights and Democratic Freedoms
14. Committees for the Defense of Democratic Freedoms and Human Rights in Syria (LDH)
15. The Libyan Society for Human Rights and scientific Research
16. The Bahraini Society for Human Rights
17. The Mauritanian Association for the Promotion of Rights
18. Arab Commission for Human Rights/Paris
19. Organisation Marocaine des Droits Humains
20. The Egyptian Center for Women Rights
21. The Tunisian Organization against Torture
22. Amel Association International-Lebanon
23. Association Vigilance pour la démocratie et l'Etatcivique– Tunisie
24. The National Association for the Defense of Rights and Freedoms / Egypt
25. The Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering-RDFL
26. The Academic Assembly for the support of Palestine-Lebanon
27. Cultural Rally for Democracy / Iraq





28. The Arab Foundation to support Civil Society and Human Rights/Egypt
29. The AFRICA Human Rights WATCH/Morocco
30. Electronic Press Syndicate (Mauritania)
31. Women’s Peace and Security Network (Yemen)
32. The Arab Coalition against the Death Penalty
33. The Arab Human Rights Trainers Network
34. League for Human Rights Trainers in Iraqi Kurdistan Region
35. Al-Haq, Law in the Service of Man/Palestine
36. Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies(RCHRS)/Palestine
37. Association Tunisienne de l’Action Culturelle
38. The Jordan Society for Human Rights
39. Association tunisienne de soutien aux minorités
40. Association de solidaritécivique – Tunisie
41. Association Citoyenneté, Développement, Cultures & Migrations Des Deux Rives
42. Association Jousour de la Citoyenneté
43. Association Arts et Cultures des deux Rives/Tunisie
44. Association weshm– Tunisie
45. Fondation Hassen Saadaoui pour la démocratie et l’égalité– Tunisie
46. Fédération des Tunisiens pour une Citoyenneté des deux Rives/France
47. The Syrian Federation for Human rights Organization
48. Comité pour le respect des libertés et des droits de l’hommeen Tunisie
49. Observatoire national pour la défense du caractère civil de l’Etat– Tunisie
50. Sisterhood Arab Forum for Human Rights (Yemen)
51. Mountada Ettajdid pour la pensée citoyenne et progressiste - Tunisie
52. Forum de la Tunisie pour la responsabilisation des jeunes
53. Youth Without Borders-Tunisie
54. Tunisian coalition to abolish the death penalty
55. Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates
56. Al-Rif Association for Human Rights, Morocco
57. General Union of Palestinian Jurists
58. General Federation of Charitable Societies / North West Bank / Palestine
59. General Federation of Charitable Societies / Palestine
60. General Union of Palestinian Women
61. The National Union of Palestinian NGOs (includes 320 institutions)
62. Palestinian Struggle Youth Union
63. Palestinian Women's Action Committees Union





64. Palestine Trade Union Federation, Lebanon Branch
65. The National Feminist Coalition for the Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women "CEDAW" in the Occupied State of Palestine
66. Swiss Academy for Human Rights-Geneva
67. The National Women's Coalition for the Implementation of Resolution 1325 / Palestine
68. Without Borders for Training and Human Resources / Jordan
69. Arab House in Ukraine
70. Feminist Cultural Assembly for Democracy / Iraq
71. The National Gathering of Martyrs' Families / Palestine
72. Civil Society Association - Nablus / Palestine
73. Jordan Coalition Against the Death Penalty
74. Yemeni Coalition Against the Death Penalty
75. Ibn Rushd Association for Development and Democracy / Iraq
76. Patient Friends Society-Tulkarm/ Palestine
77. Friends of Khadouri Society - Tulkarm / Palestine
78. Baraem Association for Charitable and Social Work / Lebanon
79. Community Development Association for Thought and Culture / Palestine
80. Lebanese Palestinian Communication Association / Lebanon
81. Tunisian Association for the Defense of Individual Freedoms / Tunisia
82. Tunisian Association for University Values
83. Love and Peace Association / Palestine
84. Love and Peace Association/Tunisia
85. Jordanian Jurists Association / Jordan
86. Association of Palestinian Graduates from Lebanon / Palestine Universities and Institutes/Palestine
87. Working Women Association / Jordan
88. Old Hebron Society for Relief and Development / Palestine
89. Sunrise Association / Jordan
90. Friends of the Disabled Association-Lebanon
91. I am a Human Right for Disabled People-Jordan
92. AL Miezan Association for Human Rights and Development- Iraq
93. Al-Shorouk Association / Palestine
94. Arab-European Friendship Association
95. Palestinian-Russian Friendship Association / Palestine
96. Amman Society Forum for Human Rights
97. Future Association for Youth Capacity Development / Palestine





98. Roaa Women Association-Jordan
99. Working Women Society for Development / Palestine
100. The Palestinian-Kuwaiti Friendship and Cooperation Association
101. Taiba Charitable Society - Jenin / Palestine
102. Feminist Action Society / Palestine
103. Arab Women Organization-Jordan
104. Palestinian Association for Drug Control
105. Future Cultural and Social Society / Palestine
106. Mobile Library Association for Nonviolence and Peace / Palestine
107. Queen Zein Al Sharaf Association for Development / Jordan
108. Social Relief Society for Women Development / Palestine
109. Palestinian Hydrologists Association
110. Association for Development and Strategic Studies in Medenine / Tunisia
111. Palestinian Good People Association
112. Badir Association for Development / Palestine
113. Yarmouk Builders Association / Tunisia
114. Tal Al-Safi Charitable Society / Palestine
115. Street Art Association / Tunisia
116. Childhood Protection Charitable Association / Palestine
117. Canaan Association for Palestine / Yemen
118. Kofi Association for Youth and Development / Palestine
119. City Charity Association / Tunisia
120. Charitable Society to Combat Extreme Poverty "Karam" / Palestine
121. Modern Tunisian Women Association
122. Nashaz Association / Tunisia
123. Ni'lin Association for Development and Community Work / Palestine
124. Free Sight Associatio/Tunisia
125. Nafs Empowerment Association / Palestine
126. Nour Al-Yaqeen Charitable Society / Lebanon
127. Association of the Economic and Social Forum for Women / Jordan
128. Hala Tire Cultural Association / Lebanon
129. Oasis Association / Morocco
130. Tulkarem Sons Association/Palestine
131. Diyar Al-Ezz Association for Rights and Freedoms / Jordan
132. Palestinian Consumer Protection Association
133. Palestine Wounded Association - Fajr





134. Women's Association in Iraqi Kurdistan
135. Association of the Intellectuals of Egypt and the Arab Peoples / Egypt
136. The Jordanian Network for Human Rights (includes 10 human rights organizations)
137. The Jordanian Network for Civil Society Organizations (includes 12 organizations) / Jordan
138. Network of Hope for Relief and Sustainable Development Al Hoceima / Morocco
139. Election Network in Arab Region (ENAR)(includes 22 organizations in 13 Arab countries)
140. Syrian Network for Free and Fair Elections
141. Independent Journalists Network / Sudan
142. Arab Network for Tolerance / Palestine
143. Free Space Network / Morocco
144. Legal Network of Arab Women
145. The Network for the Defense of Women in Syria
146. Women's Network for Women's Support / Jordan
147. Social Accountability Network / Morocco
148. Palestinian NGOs Network (includes 142 institutions)
149. The Vigilance Committee for Democracy in Tunisia / Belgium
150. Follow-up Committee to Support the issue of detainees in Israeli prisons-Lebanon
151. Palestinian Initiative to Deepen Global Dialogue and Democracy-MIFTAH
152. Tunisian Youth Council
153. Lebanese Women's Council (includes 150 women's associations) / Lebanon
154. Yemeni Council for Rights and Freedoms / Yemen
155. International Council for Relief and Development / Yemen
156. Lawyers for Justice / Yemen
157. Media Monitor for North Africa and the Middle East / Tunisia
158. Center for Research, Legal Advice and Protection for Women - Gaza / Palestine
159. Arab Women Media Center / Jordan
160. The Land Center for Research and Political Studies / Palestine
161. Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression / Paris
162. Al-Badeel Center for Research and Studies / Jordan
163. Centre de Tunisie Pour la Liberté de la Presse (CTLP)
164. Cultural Center for Child Development / Palestine
165. Elhaq Center for Democracy and Human Rights/Egypt
166. Intermediaries change center for Sustainable Development / Jordan
167. Center for Feminist Studies / Palestine
168. Human Rights Center for Memory and Archives, Morocco
169. Center for the Defense of Freedoms and Civil Rights "Hurriyat" / Palestine





170. Damascus Center for Theoretical and Civil Studies
171. Democracy and Community Development Center - Jerusalem / Palestine
172. Democracy Center / Morocco
173. Freedom Pioneers for Integrity and Human Rights Training / Jordan
174. Palestinian Social Youth Center
175. Palestinian Social Youth Center / Lebanon
176. The Arab World Center for Development and Human Rights / Jordan
177. El Nadim Center For Management & Rehabilitation of victims of violence
178. Palestinian Center for the Independence of the Legal Profession and the Judiciary "Musawa"
179. Palestinian Center for Peace and Democracy Issues
180. The Palestinian Center for Democratic Dialogue and Political Development - Gaza
181. Word Center for Human rights Studies
182. Women's Center for Legal Aid and Counseling / Palestine
183. Jothor Center for Human Rights / Jordan
184. The Humanitarian Society for Human Rights / Iraq
185. Women's Affairs Center - Gaza / Palestine
186. Jaffa Cultural Center / Palestine
187. Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights
188. International Institute for Peace, Justice and Human Rights
189. Forum freedoms Palestine
190. Jerusalem Intellectuals Forum - Jerusalem / Palestine
191. Houran Forum for Citizenship / Syria
192. The Moroccan Forum for Truth and Equity
193. Safi Forum for Development, Environment and Society / Morocco
194. International Forum for Peace and Defense of Human Rights
195. Democracy and Citizenship Forum / Morocco
196. Bahrain Forum for Human Rights
197. Association for Child Developing Palestine
198. Libyan academic organization
199. The Arab Organization for Human Rights in Syria
200. Organizations Pour Les Libertés Expression OLIE/Hatim Information Et D'D - Morocco
201. Tunisian Youth Organization
202. Salam Organization for Democracy and Human Rights
203. Gender Studies and Information Organization / Iraq
204. Desert Youth Organization for Development and Human Rights / Libya
205. Yemen Organization for the Defense of Democratic Rights and Freedoms / Yemen





206. Human Rights Organization in Syria- Maf
207. 10_23 Organization to support the democratic transition process / Tunisia
208. Sawah Organization for Human Rights -Iraq
209. Al Mouel Organization for Rights and Development / Yemen
210. Arab Renaissance Organisation for Democracy and Development (ARDD) / Jordan
211. Supporters of Human Freedom / Iraq
212. The Mosul Heritage Revival Organization / Iraq
213. Al-Haq Foundation - Law for Humanity / Palestine
214. Forum for Development and Human Rights Dialogue/Egypt
215. Future Partners Foundation for Development and Human Rights - Yemen
216. The National Foundation for Combating Human Trafficking (Yemen)
217. Justice Foundation for Human Rights / Yemen
218. The Middle East Foundation for Development and Human Rights (Yemen)
219. Al-Nahda Cultural and Social Club / Palestine
220. Club Iraqi university graduates and institutes / Jordan
221. Samir Ghosheh Cultural Club / Palestine
222. Palestinian Journalists Syndicate
223. The Moroccan Human Rights Commission
224. The International Commission for Supporting the Rights of the Palestinian People
225. The Palestinian Authority for PhD holders in the civil service
226. National Authority for Military Retirees / Palestine
227. The Human Rights Coalition to Stop the Aggression, Lift the Siege, and Build Peace in Yemen
(includes 10 organizations from ten Arab countries)
228. The Syrian Women's Alliance to implement Security Council Resolution 1325 in Syria
229. The International campaign against the Israeli occupation and annexation
230. General Union of Students of Iraqi Kurdistan
231. Shams Network for Election Observation / Iraq
232. Jordan Network for Elections Integrity
233. Mauritanian Association for Human Rights
234. The Moroccan League for the Defense of Human Rights
235. Palestine General Federation of Trade Unions
236. The Jordan Federation of the independent Trade Unions
237. L'Association des travailleurs maghrébins de France
238. Palestinian General Union of the Disabled
239. Union of Palestinian Working Women Committees
240. Union of Palestinian Women Committees





- 241. The National Assembly of the Families of Palestine Martyrs - Tulkarm
- 242. Green Oasis for Development and Democracy / Morocco
- 243. The International Council Supporting Fair Trials and Human Rights (ICSFT)
- 244. Egyptian Coalition for the Rights of the Child(includes 126 society)
- 245. Afaq Jordan Center for Development and Training
- 246. FORUM DE SAFI POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT ET LA SOCIÉTÉ
- 247. International Observatory for Documentation of Human Rights Violations/ Argentina
- 248. International Organization for Human Rights and International Law / Norway
- 249. Rasid Association for Human Rights/ Lebanon
- 250. Forum Tunisien pour les Droits Economiques et Sociaux
- 251. The Moroccan Coalition for Human Rights Bodies (includes 20 Moroccan human rights organizations)

