

PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY

The Palestinian Legislative Council

Political Committee



السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية

المجلس التشريعي الفلسطيني

اللجنة السياسية

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Esteemed Members of the National Assembly of Québec,

On behalf of the Palestinian Legislative Council and the Palestinian people, I offer my deep and abiding appreciation for the motion – passed by the National Assembly of Québec on December 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 – recognizing Palestinians' right to self-determination and acknowledging the upgrade of Palestine to non-member state status within the United Nations.

This motion is an affirmation of the bonds of friendship between the Palestinian people and Québec and proof of Québec's consistency in the application of its most heartfelt principles; namely, democracy, respect for human rights, and the rule of law.

It is a testament to the unity of Québécois on the issue of Palestinian self-determination that this motion passed unanimously with the support of all members and political parties in the National Assembly.

A delegation from the National Assembly of Québec would be most welcome in Palestine to see for themselves the situation on the ground. Likewise, we would consider with great appreciation an invitation for a Palestinian parliamentary delegation's visit to the National Assembly to exchange views to help fostering stronger relations between us.

We trust that Québec will continue to support us in our efforts to secure a sovereign, independent, territorially contiguous and viable Palestinian state along the pre-1967 borders, predicated on political pluralism, respect for human rights and democracy. With the help of all Canadians the occupation will end and Palestine will join the family of nations, living side by side with Israel in peace, dignity and mutual security. Please, dear colleagues, accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abdullah Abdullah

Chairman / Political Affairs Committee