



INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

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**Resolution adopted by consensus\* by the 110<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly  
(Mexico City, 23 April 2004)**

**The role of parliaments in stopping acts of violence and the building of the  
separation wall, in order to create conditions conducive to peace and a lasting  
solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflicts**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Assembly,

*Recalling* the IPU resolutions adopted at the 104<sup>th</sup> Conference, October 2000 (Jakarta), the 106<sup>th</sup> Conference, September 2001 (Ouagadougou), the 107<sup>th</sup> Conference, March 2002 (Marrakech), and the 109<sup>th</sup> Assembly, October 2003 (Geneva), which called for the cessation of tension and violence in the Middle East,

*Taking into account* the IPU's support for a just and lasting solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict based on the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, in particular resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 1397 (2002), 1515 (2003) and any other relevant United Nations resolutions, the Madrid principles, and the other agreements signed by the two sides,

*Recognising* the full acceptance by the Palestinian authority and Israel of the Road Map leading to a Permanent Two State Solution to the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict proposed by the "Quartet" (the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and the Russian Federation),

*Deeply concerned* at the tragic events that are taking place in the occupied Palestinian territories and have led to numerous deaths and injuries, mostly among innocent Palestinian and Israeli civilians,

*Also deeply concerned* at the increase in terrorist activities, mainly affecting Palestinian and Israeli civilians and other populations in the world,

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\* The delegation of Israel expressed a reservation regarding the wording of operative paragraph 2. The delegation of Palestine expressed a reservation regarding the wording of operative paragraph 3 requesting that the word "walls" be replaced by the word "the separation wall", and that a reference be included regarding attacks against Palestinian civilians. The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran expressed reservations on those parts of the text which might be construed to imply recognition of Israel, and the delegation of Sudan expressed a general reservation regarding the resolution.

*Reiterating* its concern at Israel's policy to build fences and walls that deprive the Palestinian people of their freedom of movement and adversely affect their ability to live normal lives,

1. *Strongly urges* the cessation of all acts of violence against the Palestinian and Israeli peoples;
2. *Condemns and strongly deplotes* targeted assassinations and suicide bombings, both of which perpetuate the cycle of violence and diminish the prospects for reconciliation;
3. *Recognises* that both parties must take positive action as a means of returning to the negotiating table and *calls on* Israel to stop building walls and fences on Palestinian territory, and on Palestinian groups to renounce the use of violence against Israeli civilians;
4. *Calls on* both parties to fulfil their obligations under the Road Map to achieve the vision of two States living side by side in peace and security;
5. *Also calls on* the IPU and parliaments to strengthen their role in encouraging the implementation of the Road Map, which will lead to a lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, based on relevant United Nations resolutions and in accordance with agreements already concluded between the parties;
6. *Exhorts* both parties to return to the negotiating table in order to put an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, on the basis of relevant United Nations resolutions and agreements concluded between the Palestinian Authority and Israel, and *urges* the United Nations to remain engaged and take all actions necessary to assist the parties to reach a permanent settlement;
7. *Calls on* the international community to give the Palestinians and Israelis the opportunity to achieve the objectives of the Road Map and provide them with assistance.