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President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly

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ESTABLISHMENT:

The League of Parliamentarians for Al-Quds, an independent institution established in October 2015 and headquartered in Istanbul, headed by Hamid bin Abdullah Al-Ahmar, a member of the Yemeni parliament, is concerned with coordinating parliamentary efforts in support of the Palestinian cause, in accordance with United Nations resolutions, and maintaining peace in the region within international laws and human rights decisions.

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MISSION:

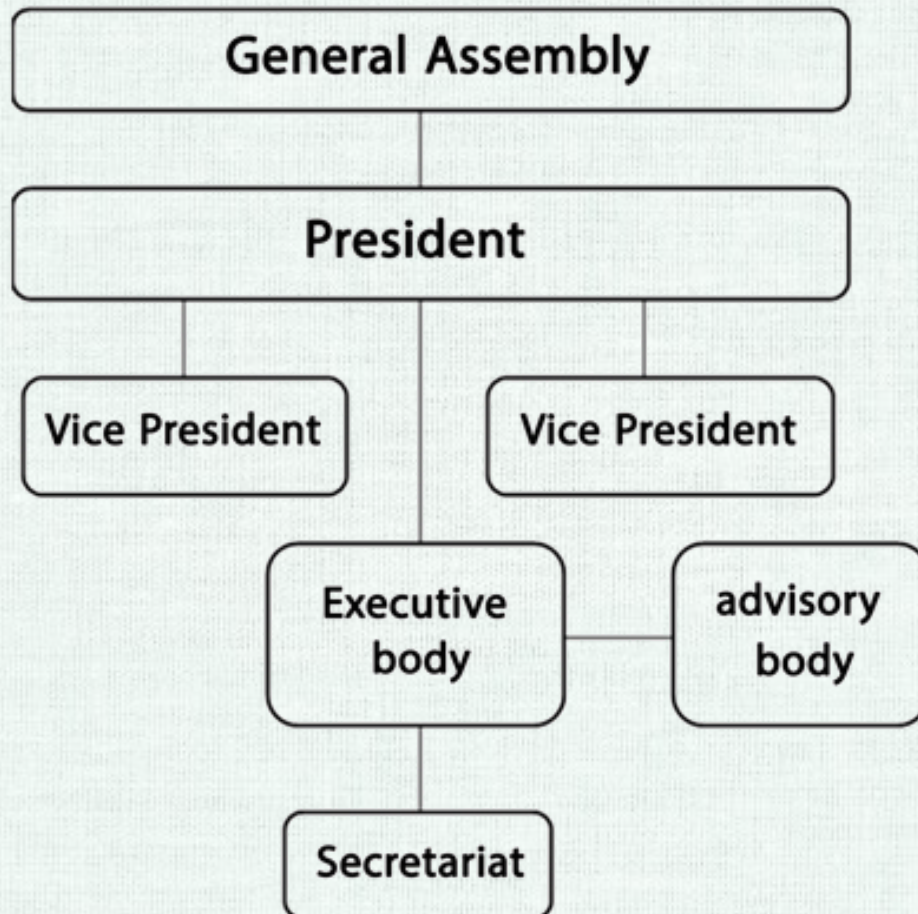
Activating and coordinating the efforts of parliamentarians around the world so that the Palestinian people obtain their right to self-determination and their independent state.

MISSION:

- Strengthening peace in the Palestinian territories and resolving the conflict in accordance with international and UN resolutions.
- Activating parliamentary friendship committees and relevant international institutions, to carry out their role in supporting and protecting the Palestinian people.
- Delivering the Palestinian narrative and voice to the world.
- Seeking to provide the possible facilities and assistance in the various humanitarian and development fields, to ensure that the Palestinian people live on their land with dignity.
- Contribute to the protection of the Palestinian people within international humanitarian law and human rights.

STRUCTURE:

The League includes in its general assembly about 1500 current and former parliamentarians from 75 countries, and its executive body includes members from different continents □ Italy - Kuwait - Jordan - Turkey - Palestine - Yemen - Egypt - Tunisia - Morocco - Algeria - - Malaysia - Indonesia - Pakistan □.



■ The Association exercises its activities from the headquarters of the Secretariat in Istanbul, and in its branches which are called regional leagues of:

- 1- The Maghreb and West Africa
- 2- South-East Asia
- 3- Eastern and Southern Africa
- 4- Asia Pacific
- 5- Latin American
- 6- The Arab Mashreq and Gulf countries
- 7- Turkey and Turkish-Speaking countries.
- 8- Europe

THE COMMON LEAGUE GOALS WITH THE APA:

- Strengthening peace in the Palestinian territories and resolving the conflict in accordance with international and UN resolutions
- Informing countries of the violations and attacks that are taking place in Jerusalem and the Palestinian territories by the Israeli occupation, on a timely basis.
- Promoting freedom, social justice, peace and security for the Palestinian people, and strengthening friendship among the peoples of the member states of the union with the Palestinian people.
- Activating international resolutions related to the Palestinian issue.
- Seeking to provide the possible facilities and assistance in the various humanitarian and development fields, to ensure that the Palestinian people live on their land with dignity.
- Informing parliamentarians and parliaments in the Assembly of the latest developments in Jerusalem and Palestine.
- Activating parliamentary friendship committees to play their role in supporting the Palestinian people to restore their rights.
- Coordinating the positions of Member States with regard to the Palestinian issue.

SOURCES OF FUNDING:

- The league's funding depends on the members' subscriptions, gifts, and endowments.
- Contributions of countries in the activities held by the League.

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS CARRIED OUT BY THE ASSOCIATION:

The league carries out many international and regional visits, conferences, and symposiums, and participates in conferences of parliaments and international and regional parliamentary unions through its members of the headquarters in Turkey and its regional links.

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS CARRIED OUT BY THE LEAGUE:

CONFERENCES:

The League held 5 international conferences in support of Jerusalem and Palestine parliamentary:

- 1- The founding conference November 2015 – Istanbul
- 2- The first conference November 2016 – Istanbul
- 3- The second conference December 2018 – Istanbul
- 4- The third conference February 2020 – Kuala Lumpur
- 5- The fourth conference November – December 2021 – Ankara

SEMINARS:

The League holds seminars periodically to discuss support for the Palestinian cause and to organize events and movements in support of Jerusalem and Palestine in parliament, the most notable of which are:

- The signing of the Jerusalem Parliamentary Charter in May 2018 in Istanbul, as a practical response to the signing by United States President Donald Trump of the decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israeli occupation. The Charter is an explicit declaration to strive for Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Palestine, no matter how difficult and challenging it may be.
- A Symposium on the Role of Parliaments in Investing Security Council Resolution 2334, in February 2017, with the participation of parliaments and parliamentarians from Asia and Africa.
- Parliamentary symposium, entitled "Is normalization a gateway to peace or surrender?" in December 2020, with the participation of parliamentarians from the Republic of India, the Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Maldives, as well as the Palestinian Legislative Council.
- A parliamentary symposium, entitled "Experiences of the countries in Supporting the Palestinian Cause," was held in December 2020 with the participation of the Senate of Pakistan and parliamentarians from the Iranian Republic, as well as the Palestinian Legislative Council.
- In April 2021, the heads of Palestinian committees participated in a number of Arab and international parliaments.

Despite the spread of the Corona virus, the seminars did not stop and continue through teleconference applications.

VISITS



- Visit to the Bahraini Parliament
- Visit to the Tunisian Parliament
- Visit to the Senegalese Parliament
- Visit to the Moroccan Parliament
- Visit to the Azerbaijani Parliament and the President of Azerbaijan
- Visit to the Djibouti Parliament
- Visit to Sudanese Parliament
- Visit to the Lebanese Parliament
- Visit to the Indonesian Parliament
- Visit to the Malaysian Parliament
- Visit to the Kuwaiti Parliament
- Visit to the Turkish Parliament
- Visit to the Italian Parliament
- Visit to the Mali Parliament
- Visit to the Mauritanian Parliament
- Visit to the Qatari Parliament
- Visit to the Parliament of Pakistan
- Visit of the Secretary-General of the Arab Parliamentary union

PARLIAMENTARY PARTICIPATIONS:

- 1- Participation in the African Parliamentary Conference.
- 2- Participation in the Conference of the Union of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.
- 3- Participation in the International Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption.

REGIONAL LEAGUES:

The League launched regional inter-State coordination Leagues to work in support of the Palestinian cause in each geographical region:

- 1- The Maghreb and West Africa
- 2- South-East Asia
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