**The PNC Calls on the Parliamentary Unions to Confront the Racism of the Israeli Knesset**

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The Palestine National Council (PNC) condemned the series of racist laws approved by the Israeli Knesset and its various committees, which comes in the context of legitimizing the occupation and perpetuating its racist regime.

The Council confirmed that the Israeli Knesset has become a full partner in all crimes of the occupation and terrorizing our people and their land, exert pressure, blackmail and distort the struggle of our people through the law of theft and piracy of Palestinian tax revenues and allocations of the families of martyrs and prisoners in Israeli jails.

The National Council considered that the Israeli Knesset’s adoption of what is known “ the law of extraditing the bodies of the martyrs “ is a new crime to be added to the crimes committed by the occupation authorities against the Palestinian people for violations of the Geneva and Hague Conventions which apply to the occupied Palestinian territories since 1967.

The Council stressed that the Knesset approval , in its second and third readings, of the draft law on the revocation of residency permits of Jerusalemites Palestinians, under the pretext of carrying out operations against Israel, was an attack on international law, international humanitarian law, aims at evacuating the Palestinians from the occupied city of Jerusalem, where the number of Jerusalemites whose residency has been withdrawn since 1967 so far more than 15 thousand Palestinian citizens.

The Council confirmed that the approval by the Israeli ministerial committee of legislation of a bill that includes depriving the Palestinians of the Israeli Supreme Court, especially in cases related to the confiscation of their land and stealing them in favor of the settlers, aims to legitimize this colonial settlement policy.

The Council called upon all parliamentary associations and relevant human rights organizations to condemn and reject the policy of the Israeli Knesset and to take decisive and deterrent measures against this parliament, which claims democracy and at the same time, continues to issue such laws that violate human rights, and international conventions. Such policy violates all ***international legitimacy decisions relevant to the Palestinian cause.***