



His Excellency **Angel Gurría**

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(OECD) Secretary General

Subject: decision of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to hold tourism conference in the occupied city of Jerusalem

Greetings,

The Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) extends to your Excellency its best wishes, and would like to inform you that it was surprised by the decision of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to hold tourism conference in the occupied city of Jerusalem.

This conference is a clear violation of all international resolutions and the United Nations relevant resolutions, particularly Security Council Resolution 978 which calls on states members of the United Nations not to recognize the illegal Israeli occupation and annexation of the city of Jerusalem, and to consider Jerusalem as an occupied city just as the case with the rest of the Palestinian Territories occupied in 1967.

Hence, the PLC believes that the convening of such a conference in the occupied city of Jerusalem, or any participation in it, is a violation of the international legitimacy resolutions and the principles of the (OECD).

Therefore, we appeal to your friendly state to take a clear position in this regard by refraining from participating in this conference or to call for changing the venue in order that such a position would not appear as a support of the policies, or recognition, of the Israeli occupation and annexation of the city of Jerusalem.

The convening of this conference in Jerusalem would cause serious damage to the peace process in the region, since participation is viewed as a support for the illegal Israeli unilateral actions in the occupied city, which is subject to negotiation, and since the international law considers it null and detrimental to the security, stability and peace in the region. Such a conference would encourage Israel, as an occupying power, to continue its practices aiming at prolonging the occupation of the city and changing its features.

In this regard, we highly appreciate the position of the member states, which announced a boycott of the conference due to the selection of the occupied city of Jerusalem as a venue.

With Best Regards
Yours sincerely,

Ibrahim Kharisi
Secretary General