

General Delegation of the PLO to the United States

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Fact sheet: Palestinian National Reconciliation Agreement of April 23, 2014

Regarding the Palestinian National Reconciliation Agreement signed Wednesday, please note the following:

Implementation of previous agreements

This is not a new agreement, but rather the implementation of two previous agreements, the first in Doha, Qatar, in February 2012, and the second in Cairo, Egypt, in May 2012. It paves the way for legislative and presidential elections through the formation of an interim government. All sides will work toward a national consensus to build a cabinet of politically independent ministers who possess technical expertise in their fields.

This interim government will continue to report to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and will adhere fully to his agenda.

Elections as a fundamental right

The reconciliation agreement will allow Palestinians the opportunity to exercise their legitimate and fundamental right to elect their own representatives - a right that has been hindered since 2006 due to political divisions. This move preserves the democratic process and allows Palestinians to govern themselves according to democratic principles.

Interim government, not unity government

Whereas a unity government could place members of Palestine's political factions in ministerial positions, the interim government agreed to on April 23 will expressly consist of political independents - neither aligned with Fatah, nor Hamas, nor other Palestinian political factions - who will be selected based on their expertise in the fields relevant to their ministries.

No impact on peace negotiations

The April 23 agreement should have no impact on peace negotiations. The PLO will continue negotiating a peace agreement with Israel, supporting non-violence to end the occupation and upholding previous agreements signed with Israel. The interim government will adhere to those commitments and the PLO's political agenda.

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