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**The Palestine Strategy Group launches its 2nd Report:
“Towards New Strategies for Palestinian National Liberation”**

The Palestine Strategy Group (PSG), comprising Palestinians from across the social and political spectrum, issued its first report in 2008, in association with the Oxford Research Group and the Badael Centre in Ramallah, entitled “*Regaining the Initiative: Palestinian Strategic Options for Ending Israel Occupation*”.

The PSG subsequently embarked on a new initiative with the aim of crystallising a national Palestinian agenda, culminating in the present report:

Towards New Strategies for Palestinian National Liberation:

Options for Achieving Palestinian Strategic Objectives in the Light of the Breakdown of Bilateral Negotiations

This report seeks to enrich the current national dialogue by presenting options that can assist Palestinian decision-makers in adopting the policies that best serve the higher Palestinian national interest. It provides in-depth analysis of strategic options and sets out ideas and recommendations that it is hoped can contribute to the formulation of a national strategy.

The report reflects the general thrust of the discussions that took place in a series of three workshops and the broad consensus that emerged in each case. However, as may be expected, not every participant agreed with every idea represented in the report.

With the aim of formulating a strategy capable of achieving Palestinian national goals, the report describes the current political realities, sets out certain scenarios related to possible interim solutions to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and outlines the strategic paths and means that can make the achievement of those goals possible.

The report also focuses on a number of other strategic options, including securing Arab, regional and international support for the Palestinian strategy. There was, in addition, discussion about the importance of creating interlinked functions for Palestinian governmental institutions, such as a strategic authority responsible for interim management a national Resistance Authority to implement strategic options, and an embryonic provisional government of a future independent Palestinian state. Furthermore, the PSG urges the removal of the current confusion between the roles of the PA and the PLO in relation to these functions.

Note: A copy of the two reports can be found on the PSG website:

<<http://www.palestinestrategygroup.ps/>>

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