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Palestine Strategy Group to launch ‘*Palestine 2030- A Decade of Clarity and Renewal*’

In its latest strategic report, the Palestine Strategy Group (PSG) addresses the structural changes that have impacted the Palestine issue in the context of the changing Israeli, regional and international context. The report provides up-to-date insights and offers options, scenarios and pathways towards a peaceful settlement of the conflict

‘*Palestine 2030*’ is the culmination of a three-year research project, co-funded the European Union and Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The report builds on twelve specially commissioned research papers that analyse the Palestinian issue through the lens of the changing Israeli, regional and international contexts. The many contemporary challenges present across all three contexts serve to obstruct effective avenues for the realisation of Palestinian independence and a just resolution to the issue of refugees as defined in UN resolutions. Despite this, the PSG report affirms the upcoming decade to be one of clarity for all stakeholders and engaged parties, with evident hope and opportunity for a positive renewal of Palestine, its people, and its struggle.

The so called ‘*Deal of the Century*’, while intended to tip the balance towards Israel and undermine Palestinian morale, has laid bare Israel’s intentions and returned Palestine to the top of the list of global priorities. The report discerns three strategic pathways, with scope for strategic overlap, which aim toward restoring the vitality of Palestine as the cause of a people and a nation.

‘*Palestine 2030*’ constitutes a strategic manual which aims to be a reference point for politicians, journalists, academics, researchers, civil society, grassroots activists, and regional and international stakeholders. It is anticipated that ‘*Palestine 2030*’ will give shape to the long-term trajectories of relationships and strategies moving forwards.

The Palestine Strategy Group and Oxford Research Group (ORG) hosted a virtual report launch to introduce the ‘*Palestine 2030*’ strategic report on 30 June 2020.

For more information about the Palestine Strategy Group and to read the full report, please click [here](#).

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Background:

'*Palestine 2030*' represents the final stage of a three-year, multi-track project entitled '**Building Strategic Capacity: Empowering Civil, Political and Emerging Constituencies in Palestine**', co-funded by the European Union through the EU Peacebuilding Initiative and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The project was envisioned in late 2016 in the context of the stagnation of the 'peace process', the breakdown of negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis, the rise of the "New Right" in Israel and regional turmoil. As such, the research was designed to map the social, political and economic realities inside Israel, explore the shifts in regional alliances in relation to the Palestinian issue, and finally to assess the possible frameworks through which to re-engage the international community with the Palestinian cause.

The overarching objective of the project was to create new networks of civil-political agencies, develop inclusive forums and build the strategic capacity of these constituencies. Ultimately, these forums would then provide knowledge-based, strategy orientated outputs to impact decision-making processes in Palestine.

The project took its intellectual direction from the PSG, was coordinated by ORG and implemented in the Westbank and Gaza by MADAR and PALThink respectively.

Convened in 2008, the **Palestine Strategy Group** provides a vital and unique capacity to enable integrated and sustained Palestinian strategic thinking to help guide the Palestinian national project. It engages a wide range of key Palestinians from different political, professional and geographic backgrounds and aims to inform and influence policy decisions, filling an important strategic gap in Palestinian discourse. It has provided sustained support for inclusive Palestinian strategic thinking at the highest level, hosting meetings, convening focus groups, developing strategic analysis, and conducting scenario planning in order to facilitate an open and secure space for debate on policy formulations and ways forward. With five major strategy papers (2008, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017), its thinking has both reflected and contributed to the national debate, offering options, goals, and alternative paradigms that have influenced Palestinian policy- and decision-makers.

Oxford Research Group (ORG) is an independent organisation registered in the United Kingdom. It works to break the cycle of violence by influencing people and policymakers to see the promotion of long-term peace and stability as the best objective for defence and security policies and by giving an inclusive platform to people in conflict situations to identify, articulate and influence solutions

PALThink for Strategic Studies is an independent non-profit, non-political, non-governmental and non-sectarian thinktank that aims to stimulate and inspire rational public discussions and consensus for the well-being of the Palestinians and the region.

The Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies **MADAR** is an independent research centre specialising in Israeli affairs, based in Ramallah, Palestine. It was established in 2000 to meet the urgent Palestinian and Arab need for a research centre that is dedicated to studying Israeli affairs.

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