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Attn. Mr. Michael Enright.

Re: Interview with Yossi Beilin.

Thank you for your interview with Mr. Beilin.

We were pleased that Mr. Beilin brought forward the Arab Initiative of 2002, offering Israel full recognition and diplomatic relations, conditional on Israeli withdrawal from illegally-occupied Palestinian and Syrian territories and compliance with international law. However, as Mr. Beilin emphasized, Israel has continued to refuse to accept this outstanding offer. It is clearly evident that no Israeli government has been willing, at any time, to comply with international law and allow the Palestinian people to create a truly independent, contiguous and viable state.

Mr. Beilin's account of the Oslo Accord fails to mention that the Accord left all major issues, including Jerusalem, the settlements, the refugees, water resources etc, open for negotiation, which Israel controlled. Immediately after the signing of the Accord, Israel, under the Rabin government, continued to expand and create new illegal settlements, changing the facts on the ground, and to procrastinate in futile negotiations that have gone on for nearly 20 years, while Israel continued to expand its illegal settlements and subject the Palestinian people to an oppressive occupation and blockade.

The facts that must be faced are that the Israeli government has no intention, in accordance with its declared formula, to comply with international law and allow the creation of an independent Palestinian state, with full free access to the outside world.

Yours sincerely,

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