

The State of Palestine

Positions for the League of Arab States

I: Bridging the Gap: New Horizons for Arab and Western States

The State of Palestine has encountered many uprisings and conflicts that have stemmed from the Arab Spring. These unrests and protests have led to many states in the League and have affected them greatly. There has been a gap through many states and the need to close that gap is eminent. The State of Palestine sees that although there have been these uprising there needs to be a progressive effort to establish greater relationships with Western States. One of the biggest issues that the State of Palestine has encountered is its statehood. The border disputes with Israel have had people confused as to whether or not to call Palestine a state. The European Union was called on and they pushed for the United Nations to determine the statehood of Palestine by a certain deadline.

The Arab Spring brought about new relations between the EU and the Arab states that called for greater talks on these issues and to keep a constant interaction between both parties to continue to in negotiations. An initiative that Palestine would like to bring to the Arab states is the STAY program which is the Security, Talks, Action, and Yearly goals. These steps can lead to increase the amount of connectedness between the Arab states and the western states.

The relationship between the United States and Palestine has not been the strongest due to the fact that the United States has not had much involvement in trade and because the United States has not needed much from the State of Palestine. The United States has however been an actor in the statehood of Palestine. The amount of openness to the EU and US the Arab states would allow in cooperation would have to be discussed in a convention that will allow all members to make decisions on involvement.

The area where the Arab states is located is has always been a hot topic and making resolutions that will ultimately allow other actors such as the EU,US, and UN to be a part in decision making could help the people and the governments in uniting them and bringing about new ideas to better the situations that have occurred due to the Arab Spring. The uprisings has caused much concern throughout many states and it is an issue that other actors are trying to resolve because in the end the Arab states contribute to the international affairs and the economies of many other states. Palestine is willing to contribute language and make resolutions as needed. Although Palestine cannot contrite many resources, it has great influence on the Arab states and the decisions that are made to improve international relations and to solve the problems from the Arab Spring effects.

¹"Arab League denounces terrorist attacks in Iraq, " All Iraq News, April 16, 2013, www.alliraqnews.com/en/index.php?option=com

II: The Impact of Terrorism in the League of Arab States

The League of Arab States has been facing the conflict with terrorism for years and there have been many ways to go about resolving these issues. The motives for these terrorist groups come mainly from religious groups but there are also political terrorist groups. The State of Palestine faces terrorism as well and the three main terrorist groups are the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Hamas, and the Palestine Islamic Jihad. The struggle between Palestine and Israel has many Palestinians on the negative view towards Israelis and the terrorists. Terrorism in other States has led to the declaration of the Arab Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism which was adopted in Cairo. This convention was made to tackle on the issue of terrorism and outline the ways to decrease terrorism in the Arab league.

Hezbollah and Al- Qaida are the current situations in the Arab states. Although The League of Arab States has denounced terrorism in all its forms it has not stopped groups from the copious acts of violence in each of the member states. The adoption a new convention would help to decrease the amount of terrorism. Many member states are fighting for religious reasons that have led to land disputes. Because of these disputes many terrorist groups have been formed. A possible resolution that should be brought to the member states is to have conventions or conferences that member states would have the option to go but would be highly encouraged to go. These conventions would work together with states that have the biggest terrorist groups and have more of an involvement in their states to actually do something about the activities that are occurring on their own land.

The people in some states have opinions of terrorist that are good and bad. In Palestine the amount of people that do not support the terrorist groups in Israel and other member states is high and they have negative thoughts towards terrorist groups. The issue of terrorism in many states has led to conflicts between states.

Since the events in 2011 on the world Trade Center the alertness of terrorist groups has increased and the immediate suppression of certain group has needed to be met. The State of Palestine would need help from other nations and mostly in combating the issues with Israel and the conflicts that are going on there. With the other member states the suppression of terrorist groups needs to be met. Possible solutions would be the conventions that would be held in safe areas and that would take more of an initiative of suppressing terrorist groups while also respecting the sovereignty of every states and accepting that some states might have different opinions on this. Therefore these solutions would be available for every member state but it would not be forced upon them instead they would be highly recommended for them to agree to these solution because it would in the end benefit the states. The goal of moving forward needs to start with combating terrorism within the member states and making resolutions that would benefit all member states.

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