

File: Settlements File

Project number:1

Q. What is the Palestinian interest or right to be focused on?
A. Territorial interests (viability, contiguity, borders, Jerusalem, etc.) (i.e., Responding to Convergence)
Q. What is the current threat that it needs protection from, or what is the opportunity for strengthening it? (e.g. ongoing Israeli actions / specific upcoming events / actions by UN/WB/international community / leading forums of debate)
A. Unilateral settlement evacuations would reinforce the Wall and consolidate the main settlement blocs. The main threat however would be if the international community were to <i>engage</i> the process and thereby extend <i>de facto</i> recognition of “provisional borders” and/or annexation of the blocs. There is an opportunity to influence these evacuations (directly or via third parties), make them part of a broader process, or otherwise mitigate harm caused by an entirely unilateral process.
Q. What would the practical objective of the Palestinian actions be? (decisions by Palestinians / statements by international community)
A. To produce proactive Palestinian responses/initiatives that re-shift the focus to Palestinian interests/needs and that can be supported by the international community.
Q. What would the NSU produce, what actions would it take, and with which Palestinian counterparts to achieve this objective? What are the deadlines for the work? (analyses / memos / writing of letters / delivery of presentations)
A. NSU would produce analyses and recommendations (memos, presentations, letters, etc.) for the leadership, particularly NAD and the President’s Office.

Project number:2

Q. What is the Palestinian interest or right to be focused on?
A. Territorial interests and human rights
Q. What is the current threat that it needs protection from, or what is the opportunity for strengthening it? (e.g. ongoing Israeli actions / specific upcoming events / actions by UN/WB/international community / leading forums of debate)
A. The threat is that the IC may recognize end of occupation in Gaza or in WB areas evacuated in Convergence, and ultimately undermine urgency for PSN and convert occupation into border dispute between equals. The issue is particularly timely due to (1) the current “controversy” over who bears legal and financial responsibility for the pending humanitarian crisis in Gaza and (2) upcoming Israeli High Court ruling on this issue, expected in the autumn, which could provide IC with impetus to assume an unfavourable position.
Q. What would the practical objective of the Palestinian actions be? (decisions by Palestinians / statements by international community)
A. Articulating a coherent position on the legal status of Gaza and other potentially

evacuated areas.

Q. What would the NSU produce, what actions would it take, and with which Palestinian counterparts to achieve this objective? What are the deadlines for the work? (analyses / memos / writing of letters / delivery of presentations)

A. (1) Revised legal memo re occupation of Gaza (end June), (2) TOR study re implications of partial end of occupation on legal status of OPT and re alternative arguments to protect Palestinian territorial interests in event of partial end of occupation (start Aug), (3) internal memo for leadership re fora in which Palestinians could advocate their position on the issue (e.g., UNGA, HRC, etc.)

Project number: 3

Q. What is the Palestinian interest or right to be focused on?

A. Territorial interests. Enforcement of ICJ and Israeli obligations as occupying power.

Q. What is the current threat that it needs protection from, or what is the opportunity for strengthening it?

(e.g. ongoing Israeli actions / specific upcoming events / actions by UN/WB/international community / leading forums of debate)

A. Many foreign governments, companies, ~~and~~ charities and others are ignoring their legal duties under international law with regard to Israeli settlement activities and other illegal practices in the OPT. This weakens Palestinians' negotiating power and threatens to undermine their legal and political rights-of Palestinians and weakens negotiating power. Private companies must not be allowed to participate in settlement activity with impunity. Could take advantage of ICJ AO anniversary.

Q. What would the practical objective of the Palestinian actions be?

(decisions by Palestinians / statements by international community)

A. Raising the profile of this problem and potentially exerting sufficient political pressure to put a stop to settlement activity by particular foreign companies and charities. (The upcoming anniversary of the ICJ Advisory Opinion provides a good opportunity to highlight this issue.)

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A. Investigative research to identify parties engaged in settlement activity. Legal analysis of nature of violations. TPs for leadership to raise issue with governments, parliaments; fact sheet (with the collaboration of the CD);