RESOLUTION: PA I/A

COUNCIL: Council on Palestinian Affairs

TOPIC: Establishing guidelines for ensuring free and fair elections within

Palestine

Sponsors: Bahrain, Algeria, Iraq, Palestine, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Egypt

<u>Conscious</u> of the amount of influence foreign states exhibit in the Palestinian government and political elections,

<u>Aware</u> of the potential loss of faith in the Palestinian Authority if such interference occurred in democratic elections,

Recognizing the desire of the Palestinian Authority to exercise their own sovereignty in their political elections, and

Acknowledging the potential challenges associated with a newly developed democracy,

Be it hereby resolved that the League of Arab States:

- 1. **Reaffirms** the right of Palestine to hold free and fair elections absent of foreign influence and tampering;
- 2. **Recommends** a moratorium on funding to contribute to a specific campaign or political party from entities not within the Arab League;
- 3. **<u>Draws attention</u>** to the need for the isolation of the political atmosphere within Palestine to an extent,
 - a. Extent should be limited to the use of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to monitor and regulate elections as an independent third party,
 - i. NGOs should be gradually be separated from Palestinian politics in order to allow Palestine to completely convert to a self-sufficient Democracy,
 - ii. Majority of NGOs in use should be Palestinian or local NGOs for the purpose of keeping the best interest of the Palestinian state at the core of NGO action,
 - b. Allow Palestine to have ultimate discretion regarding sovereignty; and
- 4. <u>Implements</u> advisors from select successful foreign governments such as Tunisia and Morocco.

Signatories: Yemen, Saudi Arabia