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## MUSLIMS AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC COUNCILS INC.

### Press Release

#### RE: PALESTINE

We refer to the announcement yesterday by the United States of its so called 'peace plan' for Palestine. We note that this plan has been rejected outright by the Palestinian Authority and with good reason. This is no plan for peace but an endorsement of all that the Israeli far right has been seeking. This is not a plan that in any way addresses Palestinian grievances but one that simply ignores them in totality. This is not a long term sustainable solution but a complete abandonment of Palestine, its people and their sovereignty. We note the following details about this so called 'peace plan':

- It gives the Israeli military jurisdiction over Palestinians and huge amounts of Palestine.
- The Palestinian State would have no control over its own borders
- Palestine would become a series of even smaller enclaves than exist now
- Israel would have the right to make incursions into Palestine at any time and for any reason.
- Both the US and Israel would have the right to veto any Palestinian moves for independence.
- It would be the precursor to Israeli usurpation of the Holy Sight of Al Quds and Masjid Al Aqsa.

AFIC President, Dr Rateb Jneid, stated "This announcement by the US is hugely disappointing and just reinforces the view that there is no objectivity when it comes to the illegal occupation of Palestine. This plan is nothing more than granting Israel all it wants and ignores completely any rights of the Palestinian people."

This plan is no road to peace or any means to a sustainable outcome for the Palestinians. All this does is seek to legitimise the current illegal occupation of Palestine by Israel. We urge all nations, including Australia, to reject it outright, to stand up for the genuine rights of Palestine and hold Israel to account for its complete disregard of international law and its oppression of the Palestinian people.

**End.**

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