

Palestine National Charter (1996)

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1. The PNC met in a special session on 26 April 1996 to consider the issue of amending the Palestine National Charter and adopted the following decision:

A. To abrogate the provisions of the Palestine National Charter that contradict the letters exchanged between Chairman Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of September 9 & 10 1993.

B. To mandate the legal committee of the PLO to present a new text of the Palestine National Charter.

The decision was adopted by more than the required two-thirds majority by a vote of: 504 in favour, 54 against, and 14 abstentions.

2. On 22 January 1998, Chairman Yasser Arafat sent a letter to President Bill Clinton of the US outlining the implications of the PNC decision of 24 April 1996 in terms of the specific articles of the Palestine National Charter that were nullified or amended as a result of that decision.

3. On 7 December 1998, the Executive Committee of the PLO reaffirmed the above-mentioned letter sent by Chairman Yasser Arafat to U.S. President Bill Clinton.

On 10 December, the Central Council of the PLO met in Gaza and also decided to reaffirm that letter.

4. On 14 December 1998, at the invitation of Chairman Yasser Arafat, the speaker of the PNC, and the speaker of the Palestinian Council, members of the PNC, as well as members of the Central Council, the Council, Palestinian heads of Ministries, and other personalities convened a meeting in Gaza which was addressed by President Bill Clinton of the United States. The participants reaffirmed, by a show of hands, their support for the peace process and the above-mentioned decisions of the Executive Committee and the Central Council regarding the Charter.