

Doha Declaration (Feb. 2012)

Under the auspices of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of Qatar, and based on the reconciliation agreement that was reached in Cairo under the auspices of the Arab Republic of Egypt between the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (the President of the Executive Committee of the Palestinian Liberation Organization) and Khaled Meshaal, the Political Bureau Chief of the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, a meeting was held between them in Doha, on February 5, 2012, where they reviewed the steps that have been taken so far so as to implement the reconciliation agreement's mechanisms, and the obstacles that hindered its implementation; and the need to overcome those obstacles was stressed. And with a spirit of responsibility, frankness, transparency, and insistence on the honest and accurate implementation of the reconciliation agreement and all its articles, the following has been agreed on:

First: Affirms the need to continue the steps of activating and developing the Palestinian Liberation Organization through the reformation of the Palestinian National Council simultaneously with the presidential and legislative elections. It was also agreed to hold the second meeting of the committee on revitalizing and developing the Palestinian Liberation Organization in Cairo on 18 February 2012.

Second: Forming the Palestinian National Reconciliation Government of independent technocrats under President Mahmoud Abbas and which will be in charge of facilitating the presidential and legislative elections and starting the reconstruction of Gaza.

Third: Stresses the need to continue the works of the committees that were formed, namely the General Freedoms Committee, assigned to addressing the issues of detainees, institutions, and the freedom to travel, the return of the national staff to the Gaza Strip, the passports, and the freedom to work; and the Community Reconciliation Committee.

In this context, President Mahmoud Abbas informed the meeting's attendees that 64 detainees were released within the framework of the accord on releasing all the detainees.

Fourth: Asserting the implementation of what was agreed upon in Cairo to begin the work of the Central Election Committee of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and Jerusalem.

President Mahmoud Abbas and Khaled Meshaal expressed their deep thanks and appreciation of the efforts exerted by His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamid Al Thani, the Crown Prince, toward the completion of the reconciliation agreement and ending the state of division in the Palestinian arena, so as to reinforce Palestinian national unity for maintaining resolve and ending the Occupation, and for the Palestinian people to restore their legitimate rights, including the establishment of their independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.