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On the occasion of Universal Declaration for Human Rights and the Universal Day for Human Rights Defenders

"SHAMS" Center **reminds** that times in which the whole world celebrate the Universal Day for Human Rights however, Israel celebrates this day in its own way and since the establishment in 1948 it is still committing huge crimes against the Palestinian people. And since that moment, the Palestinian suffering has continued for a long time and the Israeli occupation continued killing, displacement, infringement upon holy places, building settlements, lands' confiscation, devastation, horrifying, building the discrimination apartheid wall, dismemberment of the homeland, prevention from freedom of movement as well as access to prayer places, closure, siege, uprooting the trees, neglecting the rights of the Palestinian people and keeping the occupation.

All of these measures come under regular ignorance from the international community to emphasize once again the duality of standards and neglecting International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law.

"SHAMS" Center **calls** for comprehensive revision for the United Nations Charter so as to take equality between peoples into consideration and to set limits for the dominance and tyranny of the super powers to guarantee the nations' right to peace, development, solidarity, human dignity and good environment. In addition to stop the policy of bias of the super powers when dealing with international conflicts and human rights' violations, and to put limits for the Israeli occupation against Palestine as well as other Arabic lands and to enable the Palestinian people to restore its right to return, self-determination and building its independent state with Jerusalem as its capital.

"SHAMS" Center **emphasizes** that Universal Declaration of Human Rights represents an inspiration for the countries in the field of human rights either if it is a part of the Customary Law or not, and it has become a basic reference for explaining and understanding articles related to human rights, while many other International Conventions have confirmed the rights included within. And it was the first step towards the effective arrangement for protecting human rights both nationally and internationally, and it was represented in ratifying the two conventions for human rights in 1966 by the General Assembly.

"SHAMS" center **perceives** that work's conditions for human rights' defenders and non-governmental organizations have been described as difficult and they also have been exposed to threats, infringements, breaches and open assaults on their personal reputation and safety which aim to hinder their work and affect their integrity. It should be noted that human rights defenders face threats, breaches and assaults, and despite the fact that International Law of Human Rights has developed much regarding the mechanisms of control, it hasn't developed in terms of cooperation's mechanisms since the guarantee and protection of human rights is the responsibility of each country firstly.

"SHAMS" center invites the Palestinian National Authority during the celebration of the sixty six anniversary for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to significantly conduct a national evaluation regarding the status of human rights in Palestine, to stand on obstacles and challenges which face them, and that Palestinian state should approve on international conventions regarding human rights. Also to support the movement of human rights defending, to use official media to disseminate the culture of human rights and to revise the related prevailing regulations by virtue of the principles of human rights international bill. As the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was and is the inspirational source of ideas and activities connected to of Human Rights in each place in the world, and a basic source of all related human rights' national and international agreements and conventions, which formed joint aspirations between all civilizations and cultures so human rights' issue will be on the universal level.

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