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### A statement for immediate release

#### **"SHAMS" Center welcomes signing the accession to international treaties by the president**

**"SHAMS"** center **welcomes** signing the accession to 20 international treaties by the president on human rights and the International Humanitarian Law. Accession to these conventions represents a step forward in the correct track, emphasis for Palestine's respect to the International Humanitarian Law as well as UN principles and it constitutes a guarantee for the achievement of justice and equity for Palestinian victims whose rights are violated by the Israelis.

**"SHAMS"** center **emphasizes** that accession to international conventions and treaties headed by International Criminal Court should be followed by genuine steps, to end the legal immunity of the Israeli war criminals and not subjecting to pressure and threats of the Israeli leaders against Palestinian people and leaders.

**"SHAMS"** center **calls** the Palestinian leadership for formulating a committee combining experts, academics, diplomats, politicians, parliamentarians, lawyers, human rights activists and representatives of universities, Bar Associations and civil society organizations. In order to outline a Palestinian legal strategy in this regard to have accordance between national legislations and to prepare related documents for international courts.



“SHAMS” center **reminds** that importance of accession to international conventions and treaties stems in defending the protected people who are the president of the state, head of government and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, not attacking them and that war crimes and crimes against humanity are the most critical crimes within international law. Such crimes are not outdated regardless of the time of occurrence, and protecting civilians in the war, preventing the occupation from taking hostages, protecting medical staffs and not targeting the injured and victims. The occupation should protect holy places, monuments and ban obligatory displacement. The occupation and crimes committed against Palestinian people should be dealt with and leaders and settlers should be prosecuted.

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