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### **A statement for Immediate Release**

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**On international day for Tolerance:" promoting the culture of tolerance and reconciliation is a fundamental pillar in preserving civil peace and social cohesion"**

With an increasing concern, "SHAMS" Human Rights and Democracy's Media Center, closely follows the increasing pace of murders in the Palestinian Territories, now that we have reached a point, where news of murder, violence, rape, and other crimes, has turned into a daily routine, due to the failure in fighting crimes, and the lack of national strategies in this field, as well as the propagation of violence as a culture in the society.

"SHAMS" center on the international day for tolerance, stresses on the necessity that official parties must fulfill their roles of peace keeping, maintaining social cohesion, and promoting tolerance, which would positively reflect on the Palestinian people, and enhance their abilities in facing the colonial challenges and plans. Hence, any national strategy that calls for civil peace and promotion of tolerance as a culture, should be built on Fundamental pillars, which include: Reforming the legislative framework, Law enforcement organizations and establishments should apply law in accordance with the best international practices, and to encounter the tribal solutions that allow criminals to flee punishment, moreover, there is an important role in social, grassroots, and civil society organizations in promoting and enhancing tolerance and peace culture.

"SHAMS" center emphasizes on the importance of the need for reconciliation between the Palestinians at the level of political parties, to overcome the era of



division and the mutual hatred that it caused, in addition to the critical importance of conducting societal reconciliation that would allow to overcome the obstacles of deep division in the political and societal fabric, which requires Accelerating these long-awaited steps between the families of the victims and their families, as promoting the values of tolerance among these families through dialogue visions that ensure that problems are addressed from the roots, and finally, the need to take steps that prepare the community environment, is crucially important towards achieving the long-awaited goals of unity and reconciliation in the Palestinian political context.

“SHAMS” center calls on the necessity of establishing this Palestinian reconciliation, through national transitional organization, with the required status, as well as financial and administrative independence, that aims to reveal facts on the Palestinian political split, and sheds the lights on what happened during the split years, taking into consideration privacy, as well as, best approaches that respect victims and considers their families interests, moreover, to implement accountability mechanisms that prevent impunity, Providing that, the international standards, accord, and policies, that Palestine has joined or agreed on, must be the main reference in implementing the previously mentioned policies, which will effectively enhance the societal tolerance in the Palestinian territories, which no doubt, is a necessity that should be present more than ever to assure prosperity and development for Palestine and Palestinian people.

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