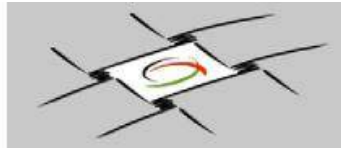


Final statement of the Palestinian Youth Network Foundation Conference

We Palestinian youth in Palestine and in the Diaspora believe in our right to return to our homeland and the justice of our cause. In light of the current critical conditions that threaten our national rights we recognize the importance of the active and civil participation of our people in confronting the challenges against us and to enhance our role and responsibilities to define our vision for the future.

One hundred Palestinian youths from 28 countries convened in Vendome, France for ten days, where they discussed the concerns and difficulties they face and agreed on the following:

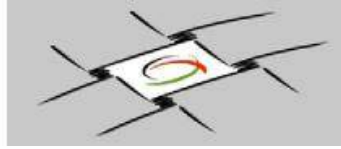
- First: Emphasizing the Palestinian national principles and rights, foremost among them the right of return; the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state with Jerusalem as the capital.
- Second: Recognizing that the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, as well as



the importance of restructuring the PLO and reactivating its institutions in Palestine and the Diaspora.

- Third: Calling for the unity of the Palestinian people and strengthening the role of the Palestinians in the Diaspora.
- Fourth: Supporting the Palestinian people living under occupation and apartheid who remain steadfast in the face of insurmountable obstacles through different international solidarity activities.
- Fifth: The importance of enhancing the contribution of the Palestinian youth in national decision making processes.

After intense and lengthy debates and discussion, the group decided to announce the establishment of the Palestinian Youth Network (PYN) as one of the arms of the Palestinian struggle. Initial by-laws were declared upon establishment that organizes the network's functions and action plans, which is an important element in the struggle of our Palestinian people for the coming period. The final version of



the by-laws shall be finalized during the second conference of the network

The conference concluded by commemorating the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People with a peaceful demonstration in Paris in support of the struggle of Palestinians. French and international organizations in solidarity with the Palestinians as well as important Palestinian figures and the General Union of Palestinian Students in France participated in the demonstration.

Our struggle will continue until we are granted our right to return to our homeland

Palestinian Youth Network, Paris – France.