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**Letter dated 16 April 2024 from the Chair of the Committee on the Admission of New Members addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the State of Palestine.

I should be grateful if the present letter and the report could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

*(Signed)* Vanessa **Frazier**

Chair

Committee on the Admission of New Members



## Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the State of Palestine for admission to membership in the United Nations

1. At its 9597th meeting, on 8 April 2024, the Security Council had before it the letter dated 2 April 2024 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (see [A/78/837-S/2024/286](#)), in which he requested that renewed consideration be given to the application of the State of Palestine for admission to membership in the United Nations, as contained in document [A/66/371-S/2011/592](#) of 23 September 2011. In accordance with rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council, the President of the Council referred the request for renewed consideration of the application of the State of Palestine during the month of April 2024 to the Committee on the Admission of New Members, for examination and report.

2. At its 112th and 113th meetings, held on 8 and 11 April 2024, respectively, the Committee reconsidered the application and whether the State of Palestine met the specific criteria for admission to membership in the United Nations contained in Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations: was a State, was a peace-loving State, and was willing and able to carry out the obligations contained in the Charter.

3. Reference was made to the deliberations of the Committee on the Admission of New Members on the same application in 2011 and to the Committee report, contained in document [S/2011/705](#). Several members expressed the view that admission of the State of Palestine to membership in the United Nations was a political matter rather than a technical or legal requirement. Other delegations stated that the deliberations in the Committee and the process should not be rushed.

4. In the course of the meetings of the Committee, differing views were expressed.

5. The view was expressed that the applicant fulfilled all the criteria set out in the Charter, with reference also to the advisory opinion of 1948 of the International Court of Justice on the conditions of admission of a State to membership in the United Nations. It was also stated that admission would be an important step towards a two-State solution and allowing the State of Palestine to be on a sovereign equality basis with Israel. Reference was made to the support expressed by the League of Arab States, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries in a letter dated 2 April 2024 ([A/78/846-S/2024/283](#)), also citing the recognition by 140 States of the State of Palestine as an independent sovereign State. A view was also expressed that all criteria aspects had been thoroughly discussed and reflected in the 2011 report ([S/2011/705](#)).

6. The view was expressed that the applicant might not meet all the requirements for membership under Article 4 of the Charter, in light of the situation on the ground. In addition, the view was expressed that the current application was premature, and questions remained as to whether the applicant met all the criteria of statehood. In this context, it was further stated that a negotiated solution remained the only viable option for a long-term sustainable peace and that final status issues had to be resolved through negotiations. The normalization of relations between Israel and its neighbours was also expressed as the main path forward.

7. Regarding the issue of whether the application met all the criteria for membership set out in Article 4 of the Charter, in summing up the debates at the 112th and 113th meetings of the Committee, the Chair stated that the Committee was unable to make a unanimous recommendation to the Council.

8. The Committee on the Admission of New Members concluded its consideration of the application of the State of Palestine for admission to membership in the United Nations.

9. On 16 April 2024, the Committee approved the present report on its consideration of the application of the State of Palestine for admission to membership in the United Nations.

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