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His Excellency Dr Riad Al Malki
Minister of foreign and expatriate affairs
State of Palestine

Dear minister,

According to Chinese wisdom: "every crisis is an opportunity"...

Since January 2017, we have decided to reactivate the COPLAC and have intensified the consultations and coordination among the different federations and Palestinian communities. I personally believe we are capable of holding our 4th Congress in Nicaragua on August 11th, 12th and 13th-2017, especially if we all row in the same direction.

Your letter to me and to the federations undermines all these efforts and it deprives us of the necessary cooperation of the Palestinian ambassadors.

You have qualified our initiative as "precipitation". Reactions we got were always late and often unwise showing total unfamiliarity with our Latin American realities.

I can assure you that I had no personal agenda in holding the 4th Congress of COPLAC. I have actively taken part in the Palestinian National Movement in its golden era and in COPLAC since its inception. No two persons will disagree that both have suffered a decline and need resurrection and reawakening.

Today my aspiration was/is to contribute to a smooth, democratic and orderly transition of the leadership of COPLAC to a younger generation.

COPLAC remains a historical necessity for the Palestinian cause and for the Palestinian communities in Latin America. From the very beginning, COPLAC was a civil society organization, under the political umbrella of the PLO, always keen about its independent decision making in matters relevant to the community. This is how it was and this is how it should be, out of conviction, because of our sense of identity and of belonging

Later this week I will be circulating to the COPLAC network my letter of resignation as secretary general because of the multiple attempted interferences in our internal affairs.

Wishing you all the best

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