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Palestinian Vice President Hussein Al Sheikh met with the European Union Special Representative, Mr. Christophe Bigot, in the presence of the Special Representative's Chief of Staff and Political Advisor, Mr. Martin Mikkelsen, and the European Union Representative in Palestine, Mr. Alexander Stutzmann.

The prospects for political solutions were discussed, given the Palestinian leadership's efforts and priorities to halt the war of extermination waged by the occupation against our people.

Al Sheikh stressed the need to press for a ceasefire and the urgent delivery of humanitarian aid to our people in the Gaza Strip, and the importance of formulating a common political horizon. He also thanked the European Union for its support for the State of Palestine, calling on all EU countries to take effective steps towards recognizing the Palestinian state. He also pointed to the great importance of the New York Conference on the two-state solution, to be held on the 17th of this month, and the opportunity it represents towards achieving just peace in the region.

Palestinian Vice President Hussein al Sheikh received Anne-Claire Legendre, Advisor to the French President for Middle East and North Africa Affairs

Ramallah – 04/06/2025 – Palestinian Vice President Hussein al Sheikh received Anne-Claire Legendre, Advisor to the French President for Middle East and North Africa Affairs, and French Consul General Nicolas Kassianides, to discuss shared political visions for ending the war of extermination against the Palestinian people and recognizing the state of #Palestine.

The event was attended by the President's Advisor for Diplomatic Affairs, Majdi Al Khalidi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Dr. Varsen Aghabekian-Shahin, Palestinian Presidential Spokesperson Nabil Abu Rudeineh, and Chief of Staff of the Vice President, Ayah AlMuhisin.

During the meeting, Al Sheikh conveyed the greetings of His Excellency President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) to His Excellency French President Emmanuel Macron, reaffirming the Palestinian leadership's priorities of a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, the release of hostages and prisoners, and the need to deliver urgent humanitarian relief to Gazans. He also emphasized the need to stop the occupation's escalating measures in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, for the State of Palestine to assume full responsibility for Gaza, for the occupation's full withdrawal from the Gaza Strip completely, and for the implementation of the two-state solution based on

international legitimacy, leading to the establishment of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Al Sheikh highly valued the French-Saudi efforts to hold an international conference on the two-state solution in New York on the 17th of this month, calling for practical measures regarding the recognition of the State of Palestine by #France and the participating countries, as this would protect the two-state solution, and the importance of developing a peace plan to put an end to the conflict, and providing economic and financial support to continue building state institutions and support development and reconstruction projects. Some bilateral issues were also discussed, and the historic partnership between the State of Palestine and France for peacemaking was emphasized. He also praised France’s valuable support for the Palestinian cause, and the reform process of Palestinian institutions was discussed, emphasizing our commitment to international legitimacy and international law.