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MADRID  
COALITION

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### I. Overview of the Madrid Coalition

#### A. Brief History

In December 2008, a group of Palestinian, Israeli and European organizations attended a meeting in Madrid with the aim of enhancing cooperation between the organizations involved in peace building processes. In conclusion, it was agreed that a tripartite coordination group would be created to galvanize civil society actions and to increase support for a multilateral peace process based on the principles of the Arab Peace Initiative.

Following this initial encounter, a coordinating body was created (see below) and during the first months of 2009, the member organizations laid down the Coalition's approach, and proceeded to attain the necessary financial support to develop their plans. In July 2009, the Madrid Coalition acquired funding from the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AECID), which enabled the creation of a Technical Secretariat (see below), composed of three coordinators, representing Israel, Palestine and Europe and working on a full-time basis.

In October 2009, an expanded group of organizations from Palestine, Israel and Europe met in Seville invited by the Fundación Tres Culturas for a meeting devoted to the planning and analysis of the strategic activities to be carried out during the upcoming year (2009-2010). That meeting officially launched the existence of the Madrid Coalition.

#### B. Structure of the Madrid Coalition

##### 1. *General Assembly*

The General Assembly gathers together all the Madrid Coalition member organizations. It is the most important body of the Coalition. The current membership is as follows:

## **2. Coordinating Committee**

Following the seminar held in Spain in December 2008, several meetings have been held on the ground and a Coordinating Committee has been established with a consensus among members, whose functions include:

- Represent the other organization members
- Mobilize and engage other European, Palestinian and Israeli civil society actors into the process.
- Seek funding and support.
- Obtain professional assistance when necessary, and incorporate the experience and initiatives already in operation.
- Coordinate the actions of members designed to promote activities in favor of a two-state solution along the lines of the Arab Peace Initiative.

The Coordinating Committee is currently composed of 15 people, in an effort to represent the major groups, platforms or social sectors incorporated into the Coalition.

The current composition of the Coordinating Committee is as follows:

1	ACPP	2	All for Peace Radio
3	Al Quds for Democracy and Dialogue	4	Children’s Treasury for Peace
5	Heskem – Geneva Initiative Israel	6	Israel – Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI)
7	Palestinian-Israeli Civil Society Alliance (PICSA) - Israeli Coordination	8	Palestinian-Israeli Civil Society Alliance (PICSA) - Palestinian Coordination
9	Palestinian Israeli Peace NGO Forum - Israeli Coordination	10	Palestinian Israeli Peace NGO Forum - Palestinian Coordination
11	Palestinian Peace Coalition-Geneva Initiative	12	Peace and Democracy Forum (PDF)
13	Peace Now	14	WAAD

## **3. Technical Secretariat**

The main role of the Technical Secretariat is to implement the Action Plan developed by the Madrid Coalition member organizations, according to the recommendations of the General Assembly and approved by the Coordinating Committee.

It will specifically carry out the following activities:

- Assist the Coordinating Committee in enlarging the Madrid Coalition membership (particularly targeting non-peace-related civil society actors)

- Develop cooperation mechanisms between all members to achieve the best results and highest impact of implemented activities
- Coordinate the various activities and projects listed in the Action Plan with regards to strategy, tactics, target populations and activities (public opinion campaigns, work groups, seminars, etc.)
- Assist the Coordinating Committee in seeking funds, specifically by writing grant proposals and technical reports to donors
- Organize conferences and large-scale public events.

## **II. Practical Information**

### **A. Technical Secretariat**

#### **1. *Who is the Technical Secretariat?***

The Technical Secretariat is composed of:

- Mr. Samer Hallak, Palestinian Coordinator
- Ms. Jennifer Locatelli, European Coordinator
- Ms. Johanna El-Baz, Israeli Coordinator

#### **2. *How to reach the Technical Secretariat?***

The Technical Secretariat is to have an office of its own in the near future, which will be located in East Jerusalem. For the time being however, the coordinators temporarily work at the IPCRI offices in Tantur (Jerusalem-Bethlehem).

Temporary phone number (IPCRI): 02-676-9460

Temporary e-mail address: [madrid.coalition@gmail.com](mailto:madrid.coalition@gmail.com)

### **B. Website/Facebook**

We are currently working on building a website for the Madrid Coalition. You will be informed when it is up and running, but for the moment, you can join us on our Facebook group and support the Madrid Coalition: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/pages/Madrid-Coalition/200202077344?ref=ts>

### **C. Newsletter**

As a new member, you have been automatically signed up to receive our monthly newsletter, which contains summaries of past events, updates on upcoming activities as well as practical information on the Coalition or its members.