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The Knesset

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Re: "The Deal of the Century" and the Conference in Bahrain

Mrs. Pia Kjærsgaard

Speaker of the Danish Parliament

Dear Pia Kjærsgaard,

Last month, an economic conference was held in Bahrain in order to promote the United States' "Peace Plan". The full details of the plan were not yet published, but we already know from clues laid out by American officials, that it will not refer to the Palestinian people as having a full right to determine its own future. President Trump and his delegates did not make an effort to involve the Palestinians in discussions about the plan at all, while the so-called Israeli interests, which are in fact the interest of the Settlement project, have been taken fully to account. Throughout his term as President, Trump has proved that the US is not an honest broker between Israel and the Palestinians, but rather is aligned with one side.

President Trump has used a combination of money and power, or carrots and sticks if you will, in order to promote his deal. By offering economic incentives to the Gulf states and Jordan, the US tried to lure the Palestinian Authority into submission to his plans. When the Palestinians announce that they are boycotting the US plan, the latter hastened to massively cut US aid to Palestinian aid institutions such as UNRA. These moves are not contributing to peace.

As elected members of the Israeli Knesset, we believe that a peaceful solution to the conflict and an end to the occupation of the Palestinian territories is of the highest interest for both peoples. Therefore, we urge you to once more reinstate Denmark's commitment to a peace treaty that includes the end of the Israeli occupation and the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state alongside Israel, as was agreed upon by the European

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Union. European countries must continue to stand firm against the American administration's pressure and to reiterate that no peace plan can be formulated without the active participation of both parties – Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

MK Ayman Odeh

MK Aida Touma-Sliman

MK Ofer Cassif

MK Yousef Jabareen