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**Statement by PLO Executive Committee Member and Head of the ICC
Higher National Committee Dr. Saeb Erekat on Palestine's Official
Accession to the International Criminal Court (ICC)**

Today is a historic day in the struggle for justice, freedom, and peace for our people and all those seeking justice worldwide. Today marks the official membership of the State of Palestine to the International Criminal Court, reflecting Palestine's commitment to justice, international law, and human rights. Our determination to protect our people against the injustice of those responsible for war crimes is underscored by our nation's accession to the Rome Statute and submission to the ICC's jurisdiction.

This significant occasion serves as a reminder to the international community of its responsibilities under international law, in order to achieve a just and lasting peace, and put an end to the prolonged Occupation.

We call upon the international community to support the inalienable rights of our people, including our right to self-determination, by supporting our peaceful movement to end decades of impunity, occupation, and exile. Once again we call upon all nations of conscience to recognize the State of Palestine on the 1967 border, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

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