

First Arab Palestine Congress. *Statement of Proclamation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.* Jerusalem, 28 May 1964. In *Documents on Palestine Volume II: 1948-1973*, Jerusalem: The Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs, 2007.¹

In the name of God, the Magnificent, the Compassionate,

Believing in the right of the Palestine Arab people to its sacred homeland Palestine and affirming the inevitability of the battle to liberate the usurped part from it, and its determination to bring out its effective revolutionary entity and the mobilisation of the capabilities and potentialities and its material, and spiritual forces;

And in realisation of the will and determination of our people to wage the battle of liberating its homeland forcefully and vigorously in harmony with its role as the effective and fighting vanguard of the sacred march;

And in realisation of a genuine and dear national aspiration embodied in the resolutions of the League of Arab States, and the First Arab Summit Conference;

And depending upon God the Almighty and in the name of the First Arab Palestine Congress held in the city of Jerusalem this day on the 16th of Muharram of the year 1384, corresponding to 28 May 1964,

I do hereby proclaim the establishment of the Palestine Liberation Organisation as a mobilising leadership of the forces of the Palestine Arab people to wage the battle of liberation, as a shield for the rights and aspirations of the people of Palestine and as a road to victory.

Ahmed Shukairy
Chairman of The First Palestine Congress

¹ The Fourth Palestine National Assembly, held in Cairo from 10 to 17 July 1968, studied the constitution for the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the regulations related to its structure, and introduced certain amendments.