

Presidential Decree No. 26 of 2005 Concerning the Re-Formation of the National Security Council

**The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation,
The President of the Palestinian National Authority,**

Having reviewed the Amended Basic Law of 2003 and its Amendments,
Based upon the powers bestowed upon me and
In accomplishment of the public interest,

I hereby promulgate the following decree:

Article 1

a) The National Security Council shall be formed again as follows:

1. Mahmoud Abbas	President of the Palestinian National Authority	as Chairman
2. Ahmed Qurei'	Chairman of the Council of Ministers	as Deputy-Chairman
3. Saeb 'Ureiqat	Head of the Negotiations Department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation	as Member
4. Al-Tayyeb Abdul-Raheem	Secretary-General of the Presidency	as Member
5. Nassr Yousef	Minister of the Interior and National Security	as Member
6. Mohammed Dahlan	Minister of Civilian Affairs	as Member
7. Salam Fayyad	Minister of Finance	as Member
8. Nasser Al-Qudwah	Minister of Foreign Affairs	as Member
9. Ahmed Mohammed Shanyourah	Head of the General Intelligence	as Member
10. Jibreel Al-Rajoub	The President's Advisor on National Security	as Rapporteur

b) The President may, as occasion may require, call any of the heads of the other security agencies or their representatives to attend the meetings of the National Security Council.

Article 2

The National Security Council shall be responsible for the following:

1. Drafting security policies and plans and defining the mechanisms of their implementation and their issuing by decision of the President.
2. Defining the security responsibilities of the National Authority in accordance with the requirements of the political, economic and social circumstances, and supervising their implementation.
3. Liaising between the political function and the security function and ensuring that security contributes to the accomplishment of political, economic and social goals.
4. Putting forward the necessary plans for the protection of the security of the homeland and the citizens and supervising their implementation.
5. Approving formations, appointments, transfers and promotions which contribute to the implementation of security policies and plans.
6. Approving security agreements and supervising their execution.
7. Approving the budgets and accounts pertaining to security and the mechanisms of their disbursement.

8. Directing supervision over security coordination with local, regional and international parties.

Article 3

The President shall determine the duties of the members of the National Security Council.

Article 4

The President may, in his discretion or based upon the request of one-third (1/3) of the members of the National Security Council, call any official in the National Authority to attend the meetings of the National Security Council and take part in its discussions.

Article 5

The National Security Council shall be entitled to form specialised subcommittees if necessary.

Article 6

The National Security Council shall issue its bylaw and the rules and regulations necessary for the execution of its duties.

Article 7

All previous decrees pertaining to the National Security Council are hereby repealed.

Article 8

All competent authorities, each one within its sphere of jurisdiction, shall implement the provisions of this decree, which shall enter into force as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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Mahmoud Abbas

**Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation
President of the Palestinian National Authority**