



**Statement on Trump's Peace Plan "The Deal of the Century"**

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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land is deeply concerned about the unilateral actions of the US Administration in imposing the so called "The Deal of the Century" on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict, and we reiterate that any peace agreement should be based on UN resolutions and international law.

Trump's Peace Plan comes as a violation of UN resolutions and International Law. It ignores the 1967 borders and places all of Jerusalem under full Israeli sovereignty. It denies the Right of Return to every Palestinian refugee, which is an individual right that no one has the jurisdiction to waive. It also gives Israel sovereignty over the Jordan Valley and the Israeli settlements, which is a flagrant violation of the International Law. We believe that such a plan will impede efforts to achieving lasting peace.

Therefore, we call upon our partner churches to urge their governments to:

- Support and work together for the development of an alternative plan based on human rights principals, international law and realization of Palestinian people's Right of Return and Right to Self- Determination.
- Strengthen the Palestinian and Christian presence in Jerusalem.
- Take immediate actions to reduce the humanitarian suffering in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including encouraging Israel to lift the blockade on Gaza.
- Ensure that the state of Israel respects International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian law, especially the Geneva Conventions.

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