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## **Birzeit Society 14<sup>th</sup> National Convention**

### **Final Statement**

Birzeit Society Board of Directors declares their position on the following issues as follows:

At the Birzeit Town Level:

1. Reminding all Birzeitis that Birzeit is for all Birzeitis regardless of religion, family or political affiliation.
2. Reaffirming our insistence that issues among Birzeitis must be resolved through open, friendly and brotherly means without ever resorting to violence, threats or confrontation.
3. Noting that following the democratic process for the selection of the Municipality Council based on qualifications and not party or family loyalties is a must.
4. Urging all Birzeitis and Birzeit Institutions to Place the interest of the city and population above any personal or special interest.

At the National Level:

1. Reaffirming that the PLO is the sole representative of the Palestinian people and urging its revival and restoration through inclusive and democratic means.
2. Reminding all nations of our rejection of the US and the Trump Administration declaration of Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel, and of our objection to the moving of the US embassy to Jerusalem.
3. Noting that the final decision in the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian issue is with the Palestinian People and reject any form of pressure on the Palestinians from any direction
4. Stressing the fact that we hold sacred the following Palestinian Rights:
  - a. The right to self-determination and statehood to all Palestinians with Jerusalem as the internal capital of Palestine.
  - b. The right of return to all refugees and deportees
  - c. The release of all political prisoners
5. Urging unity among all factions, the practicing of true democracy based on qualifications rather than party and tribal loyalties and putting Palestine above all other considerations.
6. Requesting full support for the National Conference to support the Arab Orthodox cause resolutions, standing firm with the Arab Orthodox Committee mission of protecting and preserving the Orthodox Church land in Palestine, and asserting that the orthodox issue is an Arab and a Palestinian cause.