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## **CASE No. PAL/02 - MARWAN BARGHOUTI - PALESTINE / ISRAEL**

***Resolution adopted unanimously by the IPU Governing Council at its 180<sup>th</sup> session  
(Nusa Dua, Bali, 4 May 2007)***

The Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

*Referring* to the case of Mr. Marwan Barghouti, an incumbent member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, as outlined in the report of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (CL/180/12(b)-R.1), and to the resolution adopted at its 179th session (October 2006),

*Referring* also to the expert report on Mr. Barghouti's trial by Mr. Simon Foreman,

*Recalling* that Mr. Barghouti was sentenced on 6 June 2004 by the Tel Aviv District Court, whose jurisdiction he did not recognize, to five life sentences and two 20-year prison terms, which he is currently serving in an Israeli prison,

1. *Fails to understand* why the Speaker of the Knesset has not replied to its repeated requests for a Committee member to visit Mr. Barghouti;
2. *Requests* the Secretary General to continue to raise this matter with the Speaker and other Israeli authorities; *sincerely hopes* that such a visit will be authorized, and *reiterates* that it would just be treated as a private visit signifying parliamentary solidarity;
3. *Reaffirms*, in the light of the compelling legal arguments put forward in Mr. Foreman's report, on which the Israeli authorities have not provided observations, that Mr. Barghouti's trial did not meet the fair trial standards which Israel, as a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, is bound to respect;
4. *Reaffirms further*, in the light of the expert report, that Mr. Barghouti was transferred to Israel in breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention and the Oslo Accords; consequently *once again urges* the Israeli authorities to transfer Mr. Barghouti to the custody of the Palestinian authorities;
5. *Requests* the Committee to continue examining this case and report to it at its next session, to be held on the occasion of the 117th Assembly (October 2007).